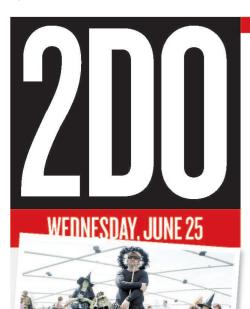


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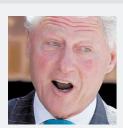
## BREAKING NEWS

## The Clintons are back

Hillary Clinton
returned to Congress
on Tuesday for the
first time since suspending her presidential campaign, while
former President Clinton said he is supporting Barack Obama.
RedEye has a few suggestions for the Clintons' agenda:



>> Hillary Clinton (above) attended the Senate Democrats' caucus lunch Tuesday, and she also has been invited to Wednesday's meeting of House Democrats, her spokesman Philippe Reines said. To show she's getting back to her roots, Clinton could've eaten a New York-style pizza. To show Obama she's on his side, she could wash down that slice with a Goose Island.



>> Bill Clinton's (above) spokesman Matt McKenna said the former president is "committed to doing whatever he can and is asked to do to ensure Senator Obama is the next president." An Obama spokesman said the former president will "play a big role" in uniting the party. That "big role" should be in will.i.am's future music videos or jumping on Oprah's couch for Obama. [ REDEYE, AP]

# Imus on the hot seat

## **DJ** responds to criticism about racial comments

### **Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** Don Imus, responding to criticism about racial remarks on his radio program, said on the air Tuesday he was trying to "make a sarcastic point" about unfair treatment of blacks in the criminal justice system but had been misunderstood.

Imus resurrected his radio career six months ago with a pledge to mend the wounds caused by a racist and sexist comment he made about a women's basketball team.

On Tuesday he said he was following the spirit of that promise by calling attention to the unfair treatment of blacks—in this case the arrests of suspended Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam Jones.

"What people should be outraged about is that they arrest blacks for no reason," Imus said Tuesday. "I mean, there's no reason to arrest this kid six times. Maybe he did something once, but everyone does something once."

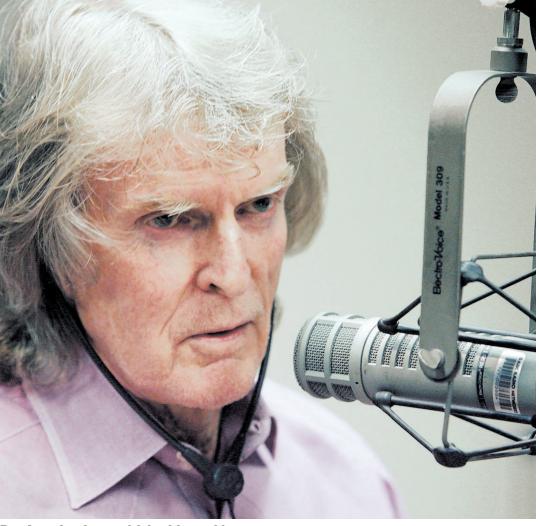
He called the flurry of criticism surrounding the comments "ridiculous" and said that his program's cast is now more diverse than ever—and includes a black producer and two black co-hosts, a man and a woman

"How insane would I have to be? What would I be thinking?" Imus wondered aloud.

The latest comments by Imus to come under scrutiny were aired on Monday's broadcast

During a conversation about Jones' run-ins with the law, Imus asked, "What color is he?"

Sports announcer Warner Wolf said Jones—formerly known as Pacman—is "African-American." Imus responded: "There you go. Now we know."



Don Imus has been criticized for making racial comments on his radio show.

[ AP FILE PHOTO ]

Co-host Karith Foster, who is black, came to Imus' defense during Tuesday's broadcast, saying, "People who interpret what you said as racist clearly didn't hear the whole thing, and they don't know who you are and what the program is about—and they obviously haven't been listening."

### IN HIS PRAYERS

Adam Jones told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday editions that he's upset by Imus' comments and plans to pray for the radio host.

"I'm truly upset about the comments," Jones said. "Obviously Mr. Imus has problems with African-Americans. I'm upset, and I hope the station he works for handles it accordingly. I will pray for him."

## Student: There was no pregnancy pact

### **Associated Press**

**GLOUCESTER**, Mass. A pregnant high school student disputed the notion Tuesday that girls in this New England fishing town made a pact to get pregnant and raise their babies together.

"There was definitely no pact," 17-year-old Lindsey Oliver told "Good Morning America" on Tuesday. "There was a group of girls already pregnant that decided they were going to help each other to finish school and raise their kids together. I think it was just a coincidence."

Oliver, who is five months' pregnant, said she and her 20-year-old boyfriend, Andrew Psalidas, a community college student, were using birth control and her pregnancy was unplanned.

Mayor Carolyn Kirk also denied a pact exist-

### **NEW QUOTES FROM PRINCIPAL**

Time magazine posted a story on its Web site Monday that included new quotes from its earlier interview with Principal Joseph Sullivan. "They made a pact to get pregnant and raise their babies together," Time quoted Sullivan as saying.

A spokesman for Time, Cub Barrett, said the magazine had no immediate comment.

ed after a closed-door meeting with city, school and health leaders on Monday.

"Any planned blood-oath bond to become pregnant—there is absolutely no evidence of," Kirk said Monday.

Absent from that meeting was Gloucester

High School Principal Joseph Sullivan, who has not responded to repeated requests for comment after he was quoted last week in a Time magazine story saying the girls planned to get pregnant together.

Kirk cited privacy concerns in refusing to answer many questions about the 17 girls who became pregnant this school year—more than quadruple the number who generally become pregnant at the school.

Kirk said she and Superintendent Christopher Farmer have been in touch with Sullivan, and he was "foggy in his memory" about how he came to believe there was a pact.

Calls to Sullivan's office and home have not been returned. So far, Sullivan is the only school or city official who has used the term "pact."

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## Which bus is most busted?

Uh oh, it looks like the No. 8-Halsted—or, as some have dubbed it, "Hell-sted"—route is in hot water again during the second annual "Going Public" Rotten Route challenge.

The No. 8 currently is the top vote-getter, after columnist Kyra Kyles on Tuesday put out a call for riders to reveal which bus routes give them the blues. But the No. 8 is running against some stiff competition, particularly the No. 22-Clark, as e-mails to "Going Public" demonstrate.

Don't agree that those two are the most rotten routes? Speak up against shoddier service. Cast your vote before the cutoff at 5 p.m. Friday by e-mailing goingpublic@tribune.com. Include the rotten route's name in the subject line. Please also include your full name, age and neighborhood—and a line or two about why the route deserves this dubious distinction.

Here's the bus buzz so far, as well as rants against other rail and bus service.

### Fix No. 66

The [No. 66-Chicago] is so crowded-especially going west. The bus is full by Michigan [Avenue]. I dare Mayor Daley or [CTA President Ron] Huberman to ride with the heartland of Chicago and see how the real people travel versus the rich. DONNA SCHWARZ, UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

### **Bunch bonus on No. 8**

[No. 8]-Halsted by far is the worst service in the city. Several of them get to your stop at the same time and normally only the last one stops after the first two pass you up. I think Ashland and

[No. 70]-Division come in a close second. It seems like during rush hour, a bus on Ashland passes every minute, and I swear every day when I take Division I wait like 45 minutes for a bunch of buses to show up, then the first one always turns back west at Halsted, even though the sign says Clark. But still Halsted is the worst. ANNE REYES, 32, PILSEN

### **Not so Grand**

Hands down, the worst! I've waited at Navy Pier while up to 10 No. 66-Chicago buses pass by and a crowd of patiently waiting [No. 65-Grand] riders fume. Morning bus bunching is the norm. And I've reported numerous drivers to the CTA Customer Service line (lot of good that does)

### **BLOG THIS**

Want to blog about bus and train issues? Visit "Going Public" columnist Kyra Kyles online at redeyechicago. com/ctablog, where she's at your CTA service all day. Take a peep at other riders' posts, plus a recent message from a woman who identified herself as a CTA employee and says she is fed up with train- and bus-bashing.

on complaints ranging from nastiness to complete nonresponsiveness to questions to blatantly allowing their friends to ride for free.

NICK ABBAMONTE, 47, WEST TOWN

### **Bring the noise (not)**

I attend school downtown in the Loop area. So when I come home from school, I take the [train at] Jackson to 79th Street. While waiting for the train, all I hear is noise from someone singing, rapping and playing the piano, begging for money in the terminal.

I don't understand why everyone should have to hear all that noise when they are getting out of school and work. I get

headaches because of it.

While waiting for the [No. 75-74th-75th] bus at the 79th Street Dan Ryan stop, the bus doesn't come on time at all. I end up waiting for the bus for 30 to 45 minutes a lot of times.

SHAMONTELLE LEWIS, 22, AUBURN GRESHAM

### **Bus black hole?**

The No. 11-Lincoln/Sedgwick is really the only way (other than walking) of getting to a theater where I've worked in the past. Every time I've tried to use it, I've seen about four or five southbound buses go by, but absolutely no northbound buses. Where are all those southbound buses going? Is there a No. 11 bus black hole? PATRICK SCHLEY, 20, LINCOLN PARK.

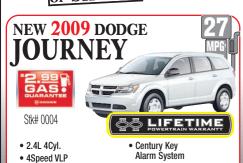
### **CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION**

- > A sports story in Monday's RedEye incorrectly listed the date of the Chicago Rush's playoff opener. It is 2 p.m. July 6.
- > To clarify a Whoville story Monday about Disney Channel TV stars, singer Fergie was on the show "Kids Incorporated."









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## Daley on defensive over police shootings

### **Chicago Tribune**

Mayor Daley defended the city agency that investigates police conduct Tuesday in the wake of several fatal police shootings that left ministers criticizing the pace of

The mayor said the Independent Police Review Authority, which was criticized for failing to wrap up some investigations within six months, as the City Council has requested, shouldn't rush serious investigations.

"This is not TV," Daley said. "This is not watching TV and thinking you're going to come up with the answers that quick."

The agency's executive director, Ilana Rosenzweig, met Monday with ministers who expressed their displeasure after four fatal police shootings in two weeks. A fifth occurred Tuesday.

Daley called Rosenzweig "excellent" and blamed the agency's shortage of investigators on a desire to find the highest-quality

Daley also said city residents should be "outraged" by the recent rash of shootings and pointed out that "very few" have involved police.

Police Supt. Jody Weis called the shootings "very unfortunate," but said officers face gunfire nearly every day.

### **POLICE BEAT**

Up to 80 Chicago police officers assigned to administrative duties will hit the streets each week through the end of summer in an effort to increase police presence in crime hot spots, Police Supt. Jody Weis said Tuesday. A look at Chicago crime by the numbers: [TRIBUNE]

12.7% Percent increase in homicides in the city from January to May compared with the same period last year

Number of murders in Chicago in the first five months of 2008

157 Number of murders in Chicago in the first five months of 2007



Jim Marett (center) questions panelists Tuesday during a U.S. Department of Transportation Aviation Consumer Forum in Chicago. [ KUNI TAKAHASHI/TRIBUNE PHOTO]

# Trouble in the air

### Forum addresses problems as airlines struggle

### **Chicago Tribune**

Airline passengers received an unapologetic warning Tuesday that customer service will continue to shrink and consumers need more than ever to fend for themselves at airports, while advocates of a passenger bill of rights scolded the carriers for blaming all their failures on high fuel prices.

The faceoff took place at an aviation consumer forum sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation at a downtown Chicago hotel. The forum, the second of three that will be held around the country, was designed to help educate air travelers about their rights and responsibilities as well as to address the problems that threaten to throw the troubled airline industry into a full-blown crisis.

Airline fares that consumers see in advertisements and on the Internet now represent merely a starting point, said federal officials moderating the panel discussion. Passengers are just beginning to be deluged with supplemental costs for services that once were free, such as checking baggage and getting a pre-assigned seat or even bottled water on flights.

The airlines also will seek to boost revenue by continuing to add rules such as the recent imposition of minimum stays on some airfares.

Unless airfares specifically say they are

fully refundable, "most of the time you are not going to get your money back" if the ticket goes unused, said Tim Kelly, a team leader in the Aviation Consumer Protection Division in the U.S. DOT.

Change fees also are escalating, with some airlines charging up to \$150 per ticket, not including the likely difference in fares, officials said.

Passengers who test the moving targets that are the limitations of air travel will be sorely disappointed, cautioned airline officials, who made it clear that much of the burden for having a successful flight is on the passengers.

Defending the common practice of airlines overbooking flights, resulting in some passengers being bumped, Catherine Gantt of Southwest Airlines said: "Empty seats on a plane are like a grocery store with spoiled food. Because of that, we overbook."

She advised passengers to check in early online to avoid problems.

But "an over-sale isn't necessarily a bad thing because passengers can receive compensation for denied boardings," said Gantt, a Southwest specialist in consumer advocacy.

### **CRITICAL MASS**

Critics said the airlines have had their chance and failed.

"The airline industry is in a free-fall, and it keeps blaming fuel prices for why they cannot improve customer service," said Kate Hanni, founder of the Coalition for an Airline Passengers Bill of Rights.

"The government is an apologist for the industry and there will be no improvements unless Congress passes legislation requiring a smart re-regulation of the industry," Hanni said.

However, often there are strings attached to the "free ticket" that bumped passengers receive.

Joan Marett of northwest suburban Huntley usually is a last-minute traveler because of her job coordinating the firefighting response to wildfires all over the nation.

"I had my checked luggage lost for five days while going to a fire," Marett said. "My tent, sleeping bag and other essentials were gone, and when I went to the airline seeking a reimbursement to buy new supplies, they kept telling me, 'Don't be extravagant."



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## Proposal allows gay married couples to keep benefits

Same-sex couples who work for Cook County won't lose their benefits if they get married in other states under a proposal county commissioners advanced Tuesday.

The amendment, offered in light of recent decisions legalizing gay marriage in California and Massachusetts, would change a 9-year-old ordinance that extended the county's medical and other benefits to same-sex couples who were living together. Under the ordinance, same-sex married couples are ineligible for the benefits.

"We weren't thinking about this possibility" of marriage in other states, said Commissioner Mike Quigley (D-Chicago), the sponsor of the original ordinance and, along with County Board President Todd Stroger, the amendment.

"It doesn't extend any benefits," Quigley said of the amendment. "It doesn't acknowledge gay marriage."

The Human Relations Committee also approved a similar amendment to a 5-year-old ordinance that created a domestic partner registry. The registry acknowledges gay partnerships, which can be a help to same-sex couples seeking benefits from private employers. The committee-backed ordinance would allow same-sex couples who travel to other states to get married to continue to register with the county.

The full County Board is expected to approve both amendments Tuesday.

## City turns page, offers more online library services

Chicago Public Library patrons may now reserve or renew books, DVDs and other materials from home, Mayor Daley and library officials announced Tuesday.

The expansion, which cost \$11 million, also includes a more accessible online catalog; more free downloadable materials, including music and e-books; a searchable events calendar; and separate catalogs and Web space for both children and teens.

The Web site is chicagopubliclibrary.org.

### **Man falls onto Red Line tracks**

Northbound train service on the CTA Red Line was temporarily shut down Tuesday afternoon for more than a mile after a man fell from an elevated train platform onto the tracks and his foot was run over by a train, officials said.

The victim, a man in his 40s, fell off the Wilson station platform and his foot was struck by a northbound train, said Chicago Fire Department spokeswoman Eve Rodriguez.

The northbound Red Line was shut down between the Wilson and Thorndale stations, but resumed about 20 minutes later, said CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski.

Southbound trains had been bypassing the Wilson station and were otherwise not affected, she said.

### THE DIGIT

Number of days Debra
Triplett, 48, of Aurora has
been jailed after she yelled "Free R. Kelly" within earshot of the jury at his trial.
Triplett, who hasn't been able to post



\$5,000 cash bail, can be kept in jail for up to six months without a formal indictment, experts say, or the judge could release her Wednesday after a court appearance.

# Police official blames parents for shooting

As Josue Torres recovered in a hospital from two bullet wounds suffered in a drive-by shooting, Police Supt. Jody Weis on Tuesday scolded the 8-year-old's parents for making him vulnerable to violence.

"I hate to say it, but the parents are to blame for that 8-year-old being shot," Weis said. "They chose to engage in this activity, which is of violence, and what happens is now we have an innocent 8-year-old who is shot."

Josue, who just completed 2nd grade at Lafayette Elementary School in Humboldt Park, was seriously wounded about 9:45 p.m. Monday when gunmen opened fire on a parked van in which he was sitting with his family in the 1100 block of North Spaulding Avenue, police said.

Weis said the shooting was gang- and drug-related, but offered no specifics on how Josue's parents were connected to the crime. Steve Peterson, deputy superintendent of the Bureau of Investigative Services, said it is too early to say whether Josue's stepfather, Carlos Feliciano, was the intended target.

Feliciano, 29, of the 800 block of North Mozart Avenue said Tuesday that he has no connections to gangs or criminal activity.

"We don't have problems with nobody," Feliciano said, standing just a few feet away from the bullet-pocked and bloodstained Chevrolet conversion van.

Josue was in the back of the van with four siblings when he was shot, Feliciano said. Jessica Perez, Josue's mother, was in the front passenger seat, and Feliciano had gotten out of the car to go to a store, the stepfather said.

Stroger Hospital spokesman Sean Howard said that as the boy was being wheeled into an operating room,



Josue Torres, 8, was shot Monday in Humboldt Park.

he turned to the doctors and said, "You guys have been so nice to me. When I die, I'm going to miss you."

Howard said trauma unit surgeon John Houston told the boy: "'You're not going to die. We're going to save your life'"

And they did.

"Our son is doing well," Perez said in a written statement released by the hospital. "Due to the trauma team's effort, he has a second chance at life."

## **CRIME WATCH**

"Basically all we know at this point is the four victims were shot in a driveby, and it appears to be gang-related."

### OFFICER DAVID BANKS

[ who could not elaborate on whether one of the four, a teen who was slain, was a gang member ]

### 4 shot on South Side

A I7-year-old was shot and killed and three other people wounded Monday night in a drive-by shooting outside the teen's home on the South Side, police said.

Jason Edwards was shot around 7:20 p.m. in the 6800 block of South Indiana Avenue in Park Manor, police said. The victims were on the street when four men drove up in a van and one of the occupants opened fire

The other three victims were ages 25, 27 and 31.

## Rogers Park suspect sought

A week after a Rogers Park woman was sexually assaulted and robbed on Chicago's North Side, authorities have not made an arrest, police said Tuesday.

The woman was assaulted in a basement in the 6900 block of North Wayne Avenue about midnight last Wednesday, officials said.

The victim was robbed during the attack. A gold wedding band, a silver ring, and a ring containing diamond and emerald stones also were taken, police said.

### **West Side shooting**

A Chicago man was shot to death Monday on the West Side, Chicago police officials said.

Rushawn Crum, 28, was found in the 2700 block of West Jackson Boulevard at about II:30 p.m. with a bullet wound in his head, police said.

Harrison Area detectives have

made no arrests in the slaying, and the motive was unknown, Police Officer David Banks said.

### **Fernwood fatality**

A Chicago man was shot to death early Tuesday on the South Side, police said.

ny Minor, 36, was found in the 10200 block of South Lafayette Avenue in the Fernwood neighborhood, police said.

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### AT A GLANCE A neighbor

called police after hearing an altercation on the street followed by gunfire, police said.

He had been shot multiple times in his legs and groin.

Minor of the 300 block of East Kensington Avenue was pronounced dead about I2:20 a.m., the Cook County medical examiner's office said.



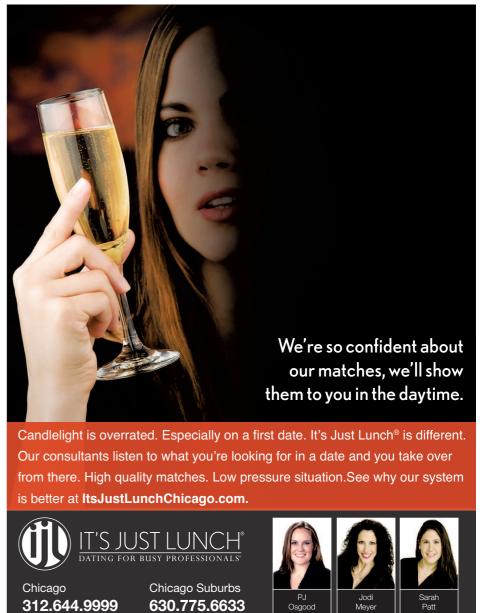
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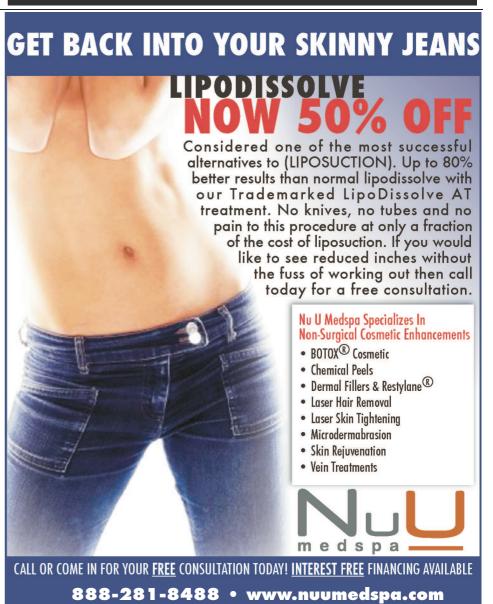
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# Whose day is it?

**By Michael Mellini** 

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Kanye West had one. So did Jennifer Hudson. Ditto for Tony Bennett and Tom Petry.

They all have had days named in their honor in Chicago. Being an international superstar isn't a requirement, but earning your own day is no easy feat, according to Kate Sansone, a spokeswoman for Mayor Daley.

The days, known as Mayoral Proclamations, happen only about three times a year and are reserved for "truly special individuals with outstanding accomplishments," Sansone said. "These proclamations are usually issued to charitable, nonprofit events and organizations. It's more likely to be something such as Juvenile Diabetes Day."

While the mayor ultimately decides to make a proclamation, people and groups often write to his office seeking recognition for others. Some days result from the honoree's death or from a visitor's stop in town.

Days proclaimed in the city are separate from statewide days proclaimed by the governor. For those, citizens can submit a request to the Governor's Office of Citizens Action, according to David Rudduck, the governor's press secretary. But they aren't granted automatically.

"We take the requests very seriously," Rudduck said. "You won't see a Michael, Jeremy, or Dave day just because someone wants one named after them."

Statewide days also tend to celebrate nonprofits. But there are exceptions: Rock band Cheap Trick, football legend Gale Sayers, former president Ronald Regan and Westminster Kennel Club Best in Show winner Uno the Beagle all have been honored with their own days.

While Chicago does not present keys to the city, recipients are given a diploma-like document signed by the mayor, Sansone said. Events also are sometimes planned to celebrate the day.

West earned his day on Feb. 27, 2005, two weeks after collecting his first three

Grammys. WGCI (107.5-FM) held a free concert at House of Blues in the rapper's honor, according to Tribune reports.

"Three years ago I was standing outside the House of Blues begging to get in, and now I've got Grammys," West said at the time. "But I know I have to bring it back to where it all started."

Hudson received her statewide day on Feb. 26, 2007, the day after winning her Academy Award for "Dreamgirls." A Chicago day followed on March 6.

"If you can see it, you can achieve it," she told students at her old high school, Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, according to Tribune reports, before heading to a ceremony at the Chicago Theatre.

But leave it up to the Queen of Talk to outshine everyone.

Illinois lawmakers felt one day was not sufficient for Oprah Winfrey, and they declared the first week of February 2007, and every year after, Oprah Winfrey Week.

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### IT'S YOUR DAY

These past honorees have received a special spot on the calendar from the state (III.) or city (Chi.)



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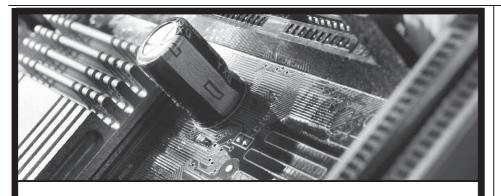
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## TIPS FOR KICKING OUT CLUTTER

Relax. Nobody's asking you to downsize your life to exactly 100 things, but if you do want to de-clutter at least 25 percent of your stuff, a "Date My House" host and former Chicagoan Nadia Geller offers five tips to help you get started:

### >> Borrow books

Geller, 31, said she loves books, but has to keep the number she keeps at home in check, "You can do a lot of things online and reference things using the Internet," Geller said. "Take books that you don't use to the library and donate them. You can always go check them out if you miss them."

### >> Ditch CDs

Download and back up music files from physical CDs, Geller advised. "Spend a day copying the files and then, donate the CDs," Geller said. "You don't need towers and racks filled with CDs."

### >> Tackle tools

Put all the tools you use on a regular basis in a tackle box, Geller said, and then, rent the rest. "A lot of guys, especially, like to hold on to a bunch of power tools they don't use," Geller said. "You can usually rent those items at a homeimprovement store if that big project comes along."

### >> Scrap skinny jeans

"Chances are if you haven't worn a certain outfit because it no longer fits and it's been a year to four years, get rid of it," Geller said, adding that such outfits might even be out of fashion by the time you shape up. "Go have it tailored if you really are dying to wear it," Geller said. If they still don't fit, you can donate clothes to shelters or sell them on sites including Craigslist, she suggested.

### >> Free your furniture

Got old furniture laying around and you don't feel like having a garage sale? Give it all to the arts, Geller recommended. "Theater companies would love to have furniture for their sets," Geller said. "For stuff like office supplies, I donate those to schools." [KYRA KYLES, REDEYE]

DUR 100 THINGS 15. Cell phone 16. Refrigerator 17. Stove 18. Microwave 22. Pillow 19. Comforter 23. Winter hat 1. Toothbrush 20. Bed sheets 24. Winter gloves 2. Comb 25. Winter scarf 21. Clock 3. Brush 26. Dress pants 4. Sweater

If you are mulling your own 100 Thing Challenge, please note: You're not exactly keeping it real if you categorize "clothes" and "shoes" as two items. But don't fret. There are exceptions, according to blogger Dave Bruno's 100 Thing criteria. He said food and frequently washed or replaced items (think underwear and socks), can count as categories rather than individual items.

"I don't see those things as necessarily contributing to rampant consumerism," said Bruno, citing dental floss, toothpaste and toilet tissue as examples of things that also aren't included.

It's still not easy to meet the challenge, as RedEye found out the hard way with its own 100 Thing list. We really had to cut back on clothes to get our gadgets in. Check it out.

- 5. Dress shoes
- 6. Gym shoes
- 7. Boots
- 8. Sandals

### 9. Umbrella

- 10. Windbreaker
- II. Winter coat
- 12. CD
- **13.** DVD
- 14. TV



- or skirt
- 27. Casual shirt #1
- 28. Casual shirt #2
- 29. Casual shirt #3
- 30. Casual pants #I
- 31. Casual pants #2
- 32. Casual pants #3 33. Jeans
- 34. Tie or shawl
- 35. Belt

36. Kitchenware

### 37. Bathroom towels

- 38. Home office desk
- 39. Home office chair
- 40. Liquor stash
- 41. Kitchen towels
- 42. Video game console
- **43.** Mop
- 44. Dresser

# Living with ess

### One man's quest to do away with all but 100 belongings is creating buzz on the Web

By Kyra Kyles

REDEYE

Could you whittle down your personal possessions to just 100 things?

Would you get rid of most of your jeans, sell your shoes or free yourself of furniture in order to live a simpler lifestyle?

It may sound like a steep challenge, especially in this material world, but that's the personal goal adopted by blogger and former Chicago resident Dave Bruno. After much donating, auctioning and selling, Bruno said he can now fit his personal possessions—other than his car, office desk and items he shares with his wife and young daughters—into a closet.

His ultimate aim: to be down to 100 things by November—and to keep that number intact for at least a year.

After writing about his 100 Thing Challenge on his blog (guynameddave.com), people from across the country are considering joining in, said Bruno, who now lives in San Diego. Think it sounds easy?

The average person might have 100 items under his or her bed, let alone in his or her home, guessed Bruno, who also co-owns a Christian audio book publishing company.

"We live in a society that says it's OK to overconsume," Bruno, 36, said. "And I wanted to personally question that."

Though Bruno's challenge does not count food, perishable items, underwear or socks as individual items, he said he still has found it tough to get rid of extra dress shirts, shoes, tools and furnishings.

"My wife told me I need to kick it up a notch," Bruno said, adding that his wife and young daughters are not participating in the purging, but he is encouraged by other Americans joining his initiative.

One convert is 36-year-old Barry Velasquez, who lives in Clovis, Calif.

"I have too much stuff, and it kind of weighs me down," Velasquez said. He, like Bruno, plans to give himself about a year to achieve the 100-

things goal, having already compiled a list of must-haves including his wedding ring, laptop and bike. "If you go through my house, through the garage and my room, you see things laying around, cluttering the place—not to mention my life."

Another 100 Thing Challenge supporter, St. Louis resident Janet Riehl, said she has been practic-

ing simplicity her whole life. But Riehl, 59, said she is pleased to see it quantified and reaching the consciousness of mainstream society. Riehl, a writer and artist, has managed to live on \$10,000-per-year for most of her adult life and has never been part of what she termed "consumer culture," she said.

"What I admire about this effort is it forces us to think about our choices in a culture where people are consumer mad," Riehl said of the challenge, adding that she is encouraged by others online who seem open to the challenge.

Bruno said he has received 50 supportive e-mails and approximately 200 comments on his blog.

"It wasn't my intention to make this a movement, but it seems to have become that," Bruno said. "But if what I am doing can make people think a little bit more about what they are buying and how much stuff they have, and maybe don't need, that's great."

A host of TLC's "Date My House" and former Chicagoan Nadia Geller said Bruno's blog-based

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movement is particularly relevant as the economy declines in the U.S.

Geller, a 31-year-old interior decorator, said she has always championed "de-cluttering," but now finds that more show guests, as well as personal friends, are willing to toss out personal possessions and slow down on buying new ones.

"Times are tough right now, and people feel like they need to downsize and live a little simpler," Geller said. "We are now realizing that it no longer makes us feel better when we buy something new, especially if we can't afford it. Gas is higher, food is more expensive and it's not really a great time for over-consuming and having too many things."

But for Joliet's Teana Forrest, having only 100 things is as extreme as owning too many things. "I agree that you should buy in moderation, and I am not like some of my friends that go to the mall and can't leave without buying something," Forrest, 29, said when asked by RedEye whether she could pony up to the 100 Thing Challenge. "But there are certain things I like to have a lot of, like bed sheets. Lots of bed sheets."

And shoes.

"As a woman, I could never limit myself to one pair of pants, one pair of shoes. Never," Forrest said.

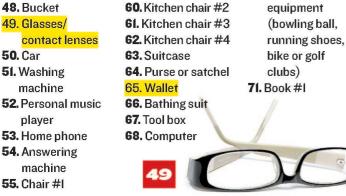
Oak Park's John Tsakalakis seemed more open to the call to simplify his stuff, even citing the subversive "Fight Club" credo of character Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt) not to allow your items to own you. But Tsakalakis, 35, balked at the idea of enumerating the amount.

"That I find ridiculous," Tsakalakis said. "It's a waste of time to count out 100 things. The way I see it, you should just have the items you absolutely want and need and actually use. Who's to say how many things that adds up to?"

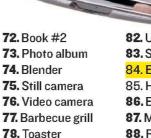
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## NATION/WORLD FROM NEWS SERVICES

**Silos cleared** A wrecking ball slammed into one of three towering sugar silos Tuesday as Imperial Sugar cleared the site of a February explosion at its refinery in Port Wentworth, Ga., that killed I3 workers and injured dozens more.



**O**bama seeks help Barack Obama asked his finance team Tuesday to help Hillary Clinton pay off \$10 million of the debt from her failed White House bid.

**Death toll higher** Officials in Myanmar's capital, Yangon, said Tuesday that 84,500 people perished in last month's cyclone, up from the last official announcement that 77,700 had died.

**Americans killed** A bomb struck a district council building Tuesday in Baghdad's Shiite militia stronghold of Sadr City, killing at least nine people, including four Americans-two soldiers and two government employees, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

**Hold the mayo** Heinz said viewer complaints prompted it to pull a British TV ad for the company's mayonnaise that showed two men-a father and a deli cook-kissing. The Advertising Standards Authority said it received complaints the advertisement was offensive and unsuitable for children.

The case case British police confirmed Tuesday they are examining an Iraqi cigar case belonging to London mayor Boris Johnson to determine whether it is a looted Iragi artifact. Johnson says he handed over the case on Monday.

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

The world's millionaires club is getting bigger-and its members richer:

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- >> \$59.1 trillion: Expected amount of combined wealth by 2012
- >> 0.15%: Percentage of the world's population (6.7 billion) the IO.I million people
- >> 33%: Percentage of millionaires who live in the U.S.

## Interest in hybrid vehicles rising

**DETROIT** Inspired by spiking gas prices and growing concern for the environment, U.S. consumers are showing more interest in hybrid vehicles despite their higher price tag, according to a survey released Tuesday.

Mike Marshall, director of automotive emerging technologies at J.D. Power and Associates, said rising gas prices and a heightened effort by consumers to be more environmentally conscious are at the root of the increased interest in fuel-efficient and low-emission hybrids.

### **FUELING DESIRE**

Seventy-two percent of recent car buyers said they're definitely or probably interested in getting a hybrid for their next vehicle, up from 58 percent of consumers in 2005, a survey by J.D. Power and Associates showed.

He said hybrids held up well despite their cost and were the top vehicle technology feature over \$500 in which buyers were interested.

By comparison, consumers remain skeptical of clean diesel technology, which can improve fuel economy by 30 percent over traditional engines and has a lower premium of \$1,800. Just 37 percent said they were interested in the technology, the study said.

Marshall said safety features have long dominated the study but have recently fallen behind other features such as voiceactivated wireless connectivity and other entertainment options. Last year, he said, premium surround sound was one of the top five features in the study.





JAKARTA, Indonesia A protester jumps over burning tires Tuesday during a demonstration outside the Parliament. About 1,000 Indonesian protesters angered by a student demonstrator's death after a police raid on a Jakarta university several weeks ago burned tires and hurled stones at police guarding the Parliament. The previous protest had followed a fuel price demonstration. [AP PHOTO]

## Scare in Israel at Sarkozy farewell

TEL AVIV, Israel An Israeli police officer fatally shot himself in the head at an airport farewell ceremony Tuesday for French President Nicolas Sarkozy, prompting bodyguards to whisk the visiting leader and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to safety, officials said.

A military band was playing at the time of the shooting, and the dignitaries apparently didn't hear anything. Dark-suited security men quickly ushered Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, up the stairs of his plane at Ben-Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv.

Security guards, their guns drawn, also rushed Olmert and Israeli President Shimon Peres toward their cars. The incident was over within minutes, and Olmert then boarded the plane to tell Sarkozy what happened, witnesses said.

The policeman, who was on a roof about 100 yards from Sarkozy's plane, fell to the ground after shooting himself, and his sheetcovered body lay on the tarmac afterward.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld denied reports that there had been an assassination attempt on Sarkozy, and other police officials said the leaders were never in danger.

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### **HE SAID IT**

"If you're asking if we're scared about [Derrick Rose] playing in his hometown, the answer is no. ... I wouldn't say him being from Chicago is an advantage either."

### **JOHN PAXSON**

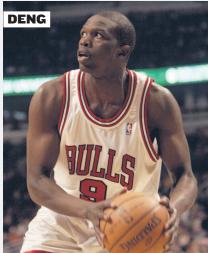
[Bulls general manager]



### **BULLS HITS**

John Paxson all but guaranteed this week that Luol Deng and Ben Gordon will prevent him

from making trades until their restricted free-agent status is resolved. Deng and Gordon can begin negotiating with the Bulls and other teams July I, and they will exert far more influence on how the roster looks in the future than any rookie. As restricted free agents, the Bulls have the right to match any offer either player receives. The deadline for the Bulls to sign either Deng or Gordon to long-term extensions is Oct. 31.



### **BY THE NUMBERS**

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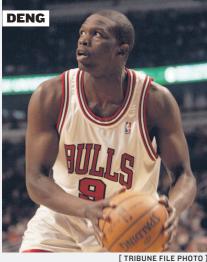
The Tribune looked at II2 mock drafts, and 79 of them said the Bulls will use the No. I pick to select Memphis guard Derrick Rose.

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Under the NBA salary structure, the No. I pick stands to receive a guaranteed \$10,007,280 for two seasons and a team option at \$5,546,160 for a third. [TRIBUNE]







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# The Wheel of Paxson

# Bulls GM's plan for NBA draft is a veritable guessing game

A great many Bulls fans, judging by online polls and message board posts, are waiting with fingers crossed that the Bulls will select hometown favorite Derrick Rose with the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft Thursday night. At the Berto Center on Tuesday, Bulls General Manager John Paxson said he and his draft team are "probably leaning a certain way"—but which way? Rose? Power forward Michael Beasley? A blockbuster trade? Guessing the meaning behind Paxson's comments can be like a competing on a game show. With that said, let's play ...

### WHO'S SMARTER THAN A GENERAL MANAGER?

When Paxson says, "We've just been sitting debating it and sometimes probably overthinking it," he means ...

a) I'm overthinking how I'm going to be second-guessed whichever way I choose.

b) I'm debating whether picking Beasley is worth getting crucified in this town.

c) This is way too hard, I'm flipping a coin.

When Paxson says,
"We're not trying to be coy.
But it doesn't serve any purpose to say what direction
we're going to go," he means ...

a) We're trying to be coy.We're trying to be very coy.

b) Whichever kid I pick, I want his agent to sweat a couple more days.

c) I don't want to say the pick because we might change our minds at the last minute.

When Paxson says, "Beasley, there is no doubt he's going to come in the league and score," he means ...

a) You need to score to win, a sentiment that apparently is lost on our current crop of young players.

b) If I pick him, there won't be any question about his starting status, cough, cough—Tyrus Thomas—cough ...

c) Anyone in a Bulls uniform named "Michael" had better score.

When Paxson says, "Derrick Rose is a kid who may not start off as fast as Beasley but will impact winning," he means ...

a) OK, Chicago, I gave you Rose like you wanted. So don't expect the playoffs next season!

b) In the short term, Beasley will look like the right pick. But in the long run, it will be Rose who

hoists the trophy.

c) Watch how quickly your "fans" turn on you after your first five-turnover game, Derrick

When Paxson says, "The things that people said about Beasley, the character stuff, he's a good kid," he means ...

a) What were people saying about YOUR character at 19?

b) By NBA standards, he's a saint.

c) Don't worry, I checked: He's no Cedric Benson.

When Paxson says about a trade, "Everybody thinks you're out there to make a financial

deal of some type and we're not. ... Now if somebody wants to call and offer the best players in the game, we'll talk about that," he means ...

a) Are you nuts?

b) It would take a MAJOR offer, but I have no idea what that would be, wink, wink, cough, cough, Dwyane Wade, cough.

c) If I did make a trade, that GM would have to throw in a helicopter to help me escape the torchwielding mob outside the Berto Center.



The White Sox are in L.A. to play the Dodgers, and they are late, late games. We're talking Carson Daly late, but loads more watchable.

Remember those rumors about the Cubs wanting Orioles leadoff hitter Brian Roberts? Seems kind of dumb now.

Noooo! Oh, OK
I just can't get used to a Patterson in the Cubs outfield. I keep having these flashbacks to the Corey years, and let's just say they're not the type of flashbacks hippies have.

Thanks, John
Bulls GM John Paxson talked
about Thursday's NBA draft. And by
talked, I mean he didn't really say anything.

Crown the king
I wonder if Paxson has contacted Cleveland. They'd no doubt trade
LeBron James for the No. I pick, don't
you think?

Tiger Woods' surgery went well
Tuesday, which is good news for him,
good news for golf but absolutely terrible news for his fellow golfers.

A photo online might explain why Big Brown did so poorly at the Belmont Stakes. One of his shoes is dislodged and a nail is seen sticking up. I suggest laces next time.

Who knew?
ESPN has nominated Chicago in its search for Title Town USA. Well, duh.

What a racket
Things are getting exciting at
Wimbledon. Oh, who am I kidding? I
have no idea what's going on there.

### **FIVE THINGS ...**

... Chicago also could be nominated for:

>> Mayor for Life USA

>> Agonizing Commute City USA

>> City of No Parking USA

>> Scandal Town USA

>> Chicago-style Pizza Town USA



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### **PAST PICKS**

The Bulls' most recent No. I pick was in 1999.

Whom did they select? Text "bulls" and the number of your answer to **47383.** Look for the results in Thursday's RedEye.

(I) Elton Brand

(2) Tyson Chandler

(3) Jay Williams(4) Eddy Curry

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FIVE ON FIVE

Radio personality Mike North has parted ways with The Score (670-AM), but he's welcome here at Five on Five. Find us online at **redeyechicago.com/facebookfives**.



Leo Ebersole



Jimmy Greenfield



Tracy Swartz



### TOPIC 1: WHAT'S LEFT FOR THE BULLS TO DO BEFORE THE START OF THURSDAY'S DRAFT?

They might sign one of these guys before the draft. ... Wait, that makes too much cents!

Double-check NBA eligibility requirements re: Heidi Klum.

Put the finishing touches on the plank Kirk Hinrich will be walking first thing Friday morning.

Pray to the God of NBA Busts that the ghost of Sam Bowie is not haunting them.

Benny the Bull should loofah his hands for a softer high-five to the new recruit.

### TOPIC 2: TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT EURO2008 THAT WE DON'T KNOW.

l'm sure it's a wonderful automobile.

Fun fact: Germany prepared for opponent Turkey by scrimmaging II open-faced sandwiches.

The Euro2008 usually is stronger than the U.S.Dollar2008.

I am religiously not watching any of it.

Soccer? Not finishing what you start is for jerks.

### TOPIC 3: WHAT WILL MICHAEL STRAHAN'S ROLE ON 'FOX NFL SUNDAY' BE'

To see who has the better lisp! He or Shannon Sharpe.

He'll fight Tiki Barber whenever Fox finds itself in an "Anchorman"-style rumble with NBC. Gap plays. Nothing but gap plays.

He'll be a two-way player. I have no idea what that means.

Sad sack.

### TOPIC 4: HOW DO MOST ON-AIR SPORTS PERSONALITIES NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS?

Always with a backup plan. But the good ones don't need an agent!

They threaten to go mute. In Chris Berman's case, maybe not the brightest of strategies.

By making veiled threats: "I'm feeling a little Imusy today."

The ones with leverage sign big deals. The ones without resort to Five on Five appearances.

By unleashing their guns.

### TOPIC 5: SHAQ 'FREESTYLED' ON KOBE. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO FREESTYLE ON SOMEONE.

Hey, hey holy mackerel, no doubt about it! Oh, never mind.

Phil, I'm not good at rapping / But your stack of Teen Vogues has me dropping like "The Happening."

Tracy, you'll be crying like you got the colic / If you don't get your "bottle" like an alkieholic.

I stopped rapping after my unfortunate I996 duet with Don Imus.

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## **SPORTS** SHORTSTOPS



### **SERENA WILLIAMS**

**Wimble-don't:** Ms. Williams, as usual, is a hit or miss. In this trench-coat number, she looks like she got lost on her way to the "Get Smart" premiere.



### MARIA SHARAPOVA

**Wimble-don't:** Nice try with the tuxedo get-up, but she looks like she should be serving tea, not serving aces.

## Wimble-do, Wimble-don't

### If tennis fashions go afoul, it's not our fault

The 2008 Nike Fashion Show—er, Wimbledon Tennis Championships continued Tuesday and Maria Sharapova's tuxedo-inspired shorts ensemble got more attention than her first-round win against Stephanie Foretz. Of the 22 questions in her postmatch news conference, 15 were about fashion, and there were only two token queries about the match.

One could argue the biggest winner after two days of tennis' most storied tournament is the Nike swoosh, which appeared on the front of most newspaper

TUESDAY'S WINNERS

No. 2 Rafael Nadal,

No. 6 Andy Roddick,

No. 7 Venus Williams

No. 9 James Blake

Women:

Jankovic

No. 2 Jelena

No. 3 Maria

Sharapova

sports sections because it adorned Roger Federer's herringbone cardigan, Serena Williams' trench coat, and the bib-style top of Sharapova's tailored tux. It was the first time Sharapova wore shorts at a Grand Slam, and she was more than happy to discuss it.

"I've loved fashion since I was very young, loved creating things, loved fabrics," she said. "To be able to produce things like what I wore on court today is incredible, and if there's a place to do it, it's definitely Wimbledon."

### JAMES BLAKE Wimble-do:

The preppy, up -collar look is what's in. If Kanye West played tennis, this is what he'd wear. Wait, can we change our minds?



Wimble-don't: This show should be called "Making the Band." Nadal was so focused on big headbands and wrist bands that he must have forgotten his sleeves.



**THE WILLIAMS SISTERS Wimble-do:** Simple. Elegant. Classy.

### **HOMETOWN HITS**



### ORIOLES 7, CUBS 5

Brian Roberts had three hits against the team that was interested in acquiring him and the Baltimore

Orioles made their first visit to Wrigley Field a memorable one, beating the Cubs 7-5 Tuesday night to end their I4game home winning streak.

>> The Cubs recalled left-hander Sean Marshall from Triple-A lowa, put out-fielder Reed Johnson on the disabled list and activated pinch-hitter Daryle Ward from the I5-day DL on Tuesday.
>> Felix Pie sprained his left thumb at Triple-A lowa last week and was sent to Mesa, Ariz., to rehab.

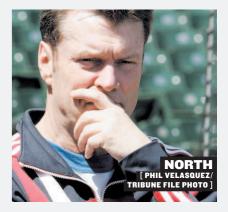


The White Sox game at the Dodgers did not end before press time.



A report saying Scotty Bowman, the legendary coach and now consultant to the Detroit

Red Wings, is close to taking a job in the Blackhawks organization as the head of hockey operations was making the rounds Tuesday but appears to be unfounded. "As long as I'm healthy and there's no change in ownership in Detroit, there will be no change," Bowman told the Detroit Free Press.



### RADIO

Mike North no longer will be sharing his opinion on Chicago sports on The Score (670-AM), according to North's Web site. The site says a contract disagreement led to North's termination.

Shaquille O'Neal sworn in by Joe Arpaio in 2006. [AP PHOTO]

### **AT THE BUZZER**

## Shaq loses badge

Shaquille O'Neal will lose his special deputy's badge in Maricopa County because of language he used in a rap video that mocks former teammate Kobe Bryant. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said the Phoenix Suns center's use of a racially derogatory word and other foul language left him no choice.

## Rodman pleads no contest

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman pleaded no contest to misdemeanor spousal battery Tuesday and was ordered to undergo counseling and to perform highway or other physical labor. Two other counts were dismissed under a plea deal, the L.A. city attorney's office said.

### **Woods has knee surgery**

Tiger Woods had reconstructive surgery on his left knee Tuesday in Utah to repair a torn ligament, and doctors said it was "highly unlikely" there would be any long-term effects. It was the second time in 10 weeks Woods had surgery on his knee, this time on his anterior cruciate ligament.

### **EURO2008**

Germany vs. Turkey WEDNESDAY: 1:30 P.M., ESPN



### **MARCUS AMPHITHEATER**

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Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers

with Steve Winwood

July 4 7:30 pm Stone Temple Pilots with Black Francis

8:00 pm

July 6 7:00 pm

Jonas Brothers with Demi Lovato **BRIGGS & STRATTON BIG BACKYARD FEATURING THE ROCK & ROLL** HALL OF FAME WITH MILLER HIGH LIFE

June 26 6:00 pm	Eric Burdon and the Animals
	Gnarls Barkley
June 27 10:00 pm	
June 28 10:00 pm	
June 29 2:30 pm	Bryan Lee
5:00 pm	Trombone Shorty
·	and Orleans Ave
7:30 pm	Bonerama
10:00 pm	Galactic featuring
·	Boots Riley (of The Coup)
June 30 9:00 pm	
July 1 7:30 pm	
10.00 nm	Vonder Mountain String Rand

10:00 pm Yonder Mountain String Band 10:00 pm 0.A.R. July 3 10:00 pm Gavin DeGraw July 4 8:00 pm Phil Lesh and Friends July 5 10:00 pm Rodrigo y Gabriela July 6 9:30 pm Lady Antebellum

### **MILLER LITE OASIS**

9:00 pm	LeAnn Rimes
10:00 pm	Rusted Root
10:00 pm	Trace Adkins
10:00 pm	Jack's Mannequin
10:00 pm	Matisyahu
10:00 pm	Keller Williams
10:00 pm	Coheed and Cambria
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June 26	6:00 pm	Cross Canadian Ragwee
	11:00 pm	Cowboy Mouth
June 27	5:30 pm	Terrance Simien and
		the Zydeco Experience
	10:00 pm	Marcia Ball
June 28	8:00 pm	Eli "Paperboy" Reed
		and the True Love
	10:00 pm	James Hunter
June 29	9:00 pm	Miranda Lambert
June 30	8:00 pm	Wayne Baker Brooks
	10:00 pm	Indigenous
July 1	8:00 pm	Otis Taylor
	10:00 pm	Zappa Plays Zappa
July 2	7:30 pm	GB Leighton
	9:00 pm	Marty Stuart
July 3	10:00 pm	The Wailers
July 4	10:00 pm	Slightly Stoopid
July 5	10:00 pm	Steel Pulse
July 6	10:00 pm	Jakob Dylan and the
		Gold Mountain Rebels



### **M&I CLASSIC ROCK STAGE WITH** FIDUCIARY MANAGEMENT, MILLER LITE, 97.3 THE BREW & MY 95.7

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June 26	9:00 pm	Three Dog Night
June 27	10:00 pm	Think Floyd
June 28	5:30 pm	Daryl Stuermer
	10:00 pm	Blondie
June 29	8:30 pm	Dickey Betts
June 30	8:30 pm	A Tribute to James Brown
	-	featuring Bootsy Collins
July 1	8:30 pm	Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo
July 2	9:00 pm	Creedence Clearwater Revisited
July 3	10:00 pm	Kansas
July 4	10:00 pm	Mountain
July 5	3:00 pm	The Zombies
•	10:00 pm	Cheap Trick
July 6		Earth Wind and Fire
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### HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROADHOUSE WITH MILLER GENUINE DRAFT

MILLER GENOINE DRAFT		
		Little Big Town
	10:00 pm	
		Dashboard Confessional
June 29	8:00 pm	Ryan Shaw
	10:00 pm	Michael Franti and Spearhead
June 30	10:00 pm	Gin Blossoms
July 1	7:30 pm	Dirty Dozen Brass Band
-	10:00 pm	0.A.R.
July 2	6:30 pm	Lee Burridge
	8:00 pm	Dieselboy
	10:00 pm	The Crystal Method (DJ set)
July 3	3:00 pm	Drive-By Truckers
•	5:30 pm	Paul Thorn
	7:30 pm	Alejandro Escovedo
	10:00 pm	Lucinda Williams
July 4	8:00 pm	Goldfinger
•	10:00 pm	Less Than Jake
July 5	8:00 pm	Javier Garcia
-	10:00 pm	Willie Colón
July 6	9:30 pm	Derek Trucks and
-		Susan Tedeschi Soul
		Stew Revival

## U.S. CELLULAR CONNECTION STAGE WITH LEINENKUGEL'S AND FM 102/1

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	11:00 pm	They Might Be Giants
June 27	10:00 pm	Flobots
June 28	10:00 pm	Shinedown
June 29	10:00 pm	The Polyphonic Spree
June 30	10:00 pm	Paramore
July 1	10:00 pm	Filter
July 2	10:00 pm	Alkaline Trio
July 3	10:00 pm	Plain White T's
July 4	10:00 pm	Seether
July 5	10:00 pm	Cracker
July 6	10:00 pm	The Bravery

### ZIPPO ROCK STAGE WITH MILLER LITE,

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June 26	6:00 pm	
	11:00 pm	
June 27	8:00 pm	
	10:00 pm	
June 28	6:30 pm	
	8:00 pm	
	10:00 pm	Willy Porter
June 29	6:30 pm	The Parlor Mob
	8:00 pm	
	10:00 pm	
	10:00 pm	
July 1	6:30 pm	
	10:00 pm	
July 2	8:00 pm	Saving Abel
	10:00 pm	Finger Eleven
July 3	8:00 pm	Ingrid Michaelson
	10:00 pm	Gomez
July 4	6:30 pm	Black Tide
	10:00 pm	Five Finger Death Punch
July 5	8:00 pm	Black Stone Cherry
	10:00 pm	•
July 6	9:00 pm	Mickey Hart

### **CASCIO INTERSTATE MUSIC GROOVE GARAGE AT THE AMP**

June 26	9:00 pm	John The Savage
June 27	9:30 pm	SignalDrift
June 28	8:00 pm	Burbank Cartel
June 29	9:00 pm	Year Of The Gun
June 30	8:30 pm	Celebrated Workingman
July 1	9:30 pm	Relativity
July 2	8:00 pm	Spiral Trance
July 3	9:30 pm	Guido's Racecar
July 4	8:15 pm	The Championship
July 5	9.00 nm	The Cocksmiths

July 6

### **JO JO'S MARTINI LOUNGE AND MILLER LITE**

8:00 pm The Color Truth

June 26	8:00 pm	The Toys
June 27	8:00 pm	The LoveMonkeys
June 28	8:00 pm	Rhythm Kings
June 29	8:00 pm	The Sweet Tarts
June 30	8:00 pm	Joe Hite
July 1	8:00 pm	5 Card Studs
July 2	8:00 pm	Eddie Butts
July 3	9:00 pm	Boogie Men
July 4	8:00 pm	The Crisis
July 5	8:00 pm	Rhythm Method
July 6	9:00 pm	Boogie Men

### **CHIPOTLE RHYTHM KITCHEN**

June 26	11:00 pm	waterstreet
June 27	10:00 pm	Pete Francis (of Dispatch)
June 28	10:00 pm	Roster McCabe
June 29	10:00 pm	We the Living
June 30	10:00 pm	Fat Maw Rooney
July 1	10:00 pm	Roster McCabe
July 2	10:00 pm	Roster McCabe
July 3	10:00 pm	Roster McCabe
July 4	10:00 pm	Ari Herstand
July 5	10:00 pm	Roster McCabe
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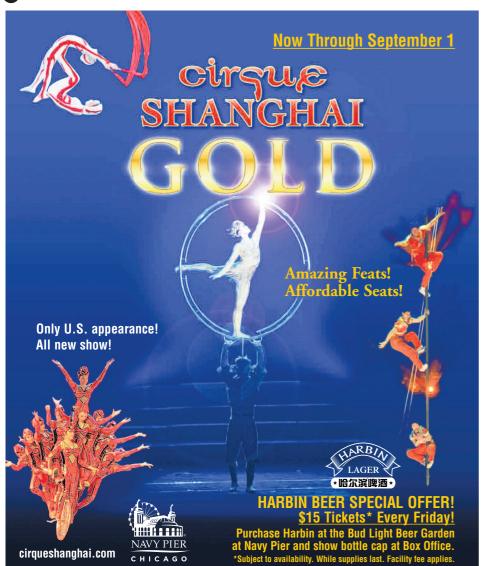


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**WED** 6/25

### **Red Hot night**

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**Red Hot** preview, an alfresco launch party for a Sept. 26 fashion show at Northerly Island. Mingle with fashion industry professionals and sip Ketel One cocktails while DJ White Shadow lays down the beats. 6 p.m. No cover. Chaise Lounge, 1840 W. North Ave. 773-342-1840.

### **Hip-notic**

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### Vintage sips

Everything tastes better when it's homemade, right? Attend a two-session **winemaking class** at Whole Foods led by the brewand-winemaking supply pros at Bev Art. Sample locally made wine, then blend and bottle your own. The Bev Art folks will ferment your vino in their Beverly cellar. 6:30 p.m. 3300 N. Ashland Ave. 773-233-7579.

**THU** 6/26

### **Clownin'** around

It's not summer until the circus rolls into town.

This week, renowned troupe Cirque du Soleil launches a new production under its trademark blue-and-yellow grand chapiteu (big top) in the United Center's Parking Lot K. The show, "**Kooza**," combines acrobatics and clowning with slapstick humor. 8 p.m. Through Aug. 10. \$38.50-\$125. Tickets: **cirquedusoleil.com**. 1901 W. Madison St. 312-455-4500.



### Winning team

No matter who wins on the baseball diamond,

White Sox fan Kevin Hickey (Seasons) and Cubs fan Carrie Nahabedian (Naha) put aside their baseball allegiances and team up for the Crosstown Culinary Classic, a four-course meal featuring pulled pork sandwiches, Chicago-style Kobe beef hot dogs, soft-shell crab "sliders," sockeye salmon, king crab, spring lamb, baseball-related desserts (including apple pie and Cracker Jack-style caramel corn with peanuts) and more. The fundraiser includes a silent auction, with all proceeds benefitting Common Threads, an organization that educates kids from diverse backgrounds about nutrition and wellness through cooking. 6:30 p.m. \$250. Tickets: commonthreads.org. Seasons Restaurant/ Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware Pl. 312-752-2688.

**SAT** 6/28

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### WEEKEND EVENTS

### **AVENUE TAVERN**

3 p.m. Fri.: Pride Beach Bum Party. Dress in seaside attire in celebration of Pride week end. Includes beach balls, a DJ, the Beach Bod Go-Go Boys and beach-themed giveaways. Drink specials include \$10 Finlandia Tropical pitchers and \$2 PBR cans. No cover; 2916 N. Broadway. 773-975-7000.

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7 p.m. Fri.: Friday Night Live Featuring Too White Crew. Toast summer at this rooftop mixer with live tunes by '80s rap cover band Too Live Crew. \$10: 1603 N. Lake Shore Drive. 312-335-9596.

### **CIRCUIT NIGHT CLUB**

9 p.m. Fri.: Chix Mix Pride Weekend Party. Hip-hop duo Goddess and She performs, DJs **Dragonfire and Just** Beth spin. \$10-\$20.

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### **CROBAR**

9 p.m. Fri.: Bikini Beach. Actress Tara Reid hosts. DJs Alex Rage. Gus Karas and Victor R. spin. \$10; I543 N. Kingsbury St. 312-266-1900.

10 p.m. Thu.: Retroforward Madness - Erasure vs. Duran Duran. DJs Qbot and Kamar go head-to-head in a spinoff of the bands' new wave hits. \$5; 2350 N. Clark St. 773-528-2622

### TINI MARTINI

10 p.m. Sat.: Brazilian Night. DJ Nando spins Brazilian music. Drink specials include \$3 domestic beers, \$4 import beers and \$5 mixed drinks, \$5: 2169 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-269-2900

## **NIGHTCRAWLERS:** SEEN ON THE SCENE

The Cubs swept Crosstown Classic games at Wrigley Field last weekend, and the Sox took a beating. But fans from both sides played well together at popular post-game hangout Bernie's (3664 N. Clark St. 773-525-1898). Which team's fans acted goofier? We'll call it a tie. Find more photos of the fun and upload your own pics at metromix.com.

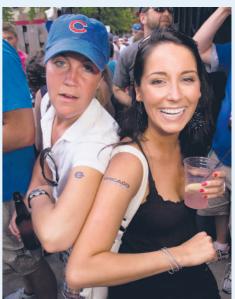
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# READER REVIEWS

# Dog day.

# The Patio Hounds spend a day stretching and taking in city sights

### By the Patio Hounds

Bella and Jay planned to start Saturday afternoon with some stretching outdoors, but spotty rain showers didn't allow for doggie yoga—also known as doga—on the rooftop of the Lakeshore Athletic Club as planned. Instead, Bella strutted into the club showing off her stylin' Metromix T-shirt. The pair set up on a mat for a 45-minute morning workout, then it was off to meet the rest of the Patio Hounds at O'Brien's Riverwalk Cafe on the South bank of the Chicago River, between Wabash and Michigan Avenues.

Patio scene: Nothing screams "seasonal setup" like plastic tableware and a port-apotty. But beautiful views of the city and river abound at this outdoor dining area, which also is a dog's dream—tables are adequately spaced so there's no fear of tangled leashes. Bella took in the boats floating by and sniffed at the colorful flower boxes. The human Hounds, on the other hand, wished we had a real toilet and chilled glasses to keep our tasty beverages cold.

Food and drink: Simply put, our food was A-OK. Cereescia and Jay dined on steak sandwiches (\$13) that looked delish, but the fries took the prize by far. Vonetta stuck by her "You can't go wrong with chicken" mantra and ordered the Cajun chicken sandwich (\$10). Laurie tried the chicken pasta salad (\$12). It was filled with fresh fruit and pecans, but where was the meat?

Drinks drew mixed reviews. Cereescia's bloody mary (\$9) was so stiff it could've knocked her over, but Vonetta wasn't wowed by her Golden Margarita (\$9). Jay and Laurie stuck to beer: Amstel Light (\$5.95) and Corona Light (\$6.25). Prices were a little steep, but hey, you're paying

### O'Brien's Riverwalk Cafe

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for the view. (You're clearly not paying to eat off of bone China. What's with the plastic plates and cups?)

**Service**: Bella and Jay really worked up an appetite, and our dog with a dark coat was happy to see a huge bowl of water—with ice—waiting for her on what turned out to be a hot, sunny day once the showers subsided. Bella sat in the shade of a huge plant and soaked up amazing views of the city.

Our server was great, showing our girl Bella plenty of attention while also keeping our drinks full. We were surprised we didn't see any other dogs, since the cafe is so canine-friendly. With plenty of room for people and their pets, O'Brien's is perfect for doggie diners.

Crowd: The view here is a "must see" in any Chicago guidebook, and it shows: The crowd skews touristy. Couples in their mid-thirties canoodled under the green umbrellas and a multi-generational bridal party set up under a festooned white tent. Fashion seemed to be from the softer side of Sears: Matching capri pants and tops were de rigueur for the ladies; khaki shorts with white tennis shoes for the gents.

**Bottom line:** Dining with your pooch at O'Brien's is a breeze. Just keep in mind that the concrete jungle doesn't allow for the most discrete bathroom breaks for

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# afternoon





### **Our 'Sporty Canine'** sounds off ...

I was skeptical about doggie yoga at first what business does a 70-pound lab have getting stretched and pulled in 1,000 different directions? Turns out it was pretty cool. Most of my fellow four-legged friends were friendly, except a couple of little brats. But I didn't let them faze me-I was there to relax.

Frankly, I think Jay got most of the yoga action. I had to sit there patiently a lot, but I did get to tangle with a doggie dude my size. Oh-and if Jay puts me on another one of those inflatable stability balls, I'm running

Bottom line: Looking for a low-key alternative to your usual game of fetch? This is a great way to work out with your owner.

-BELLA, JAY CARLILE'S BLACK LAB



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\$5 Bud, Bud Light and **Bud Select buckets:** 1321 W. Taylor St. 312-633-9393/I704 N Damen Ave. 773-645-7500.

### THE BEER BISTRO

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### **BLUE LINE** LOUNGE AND GRILL

\$5 Absolut and 32 specialty martinis; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

### **CACTUS BAR & GRILL**

\$2.95 appetizers with purchase of a drink (2-6 p.m.); 404 S. Wells St. 312-922-3830.

### **COBRA LOUNGE**

\$3 Newcastle bottles. \$3 Guinness pints. \$3 Jameson and Stoli cocktails, \$6 fish and chips; 235 N. Ashland Ave. 312-226-6300.

### COUCH BAR & GRILL

20 cent wings, \$2 domestic beers, \$3 Amstel Light bottles: 2344 W. Grand Ave. 312-942-9030.

### **EVIL OLIVE**

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### **FIVE STAR BAR**

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Arturo, James Vane and Johnny Kesh spin (9 p.m.), IO cent wings, \$2 Tecate cans; I424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

### THE FRANKLIN TAP

\$3 import bottles, halfprice appetizers after 7 p.m.; 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

### **FULTON LOUNGE**

\$6 mojitos; 955 W. Fulton Market. 312-942-

### **GALLERY CABARET**

\$3-\$10 Alpha King and Newcastle drafts and pitchers, Kate Parker hosts "The Callback" (8-9 p.m.), live music at 9:30 p.m.; 2020 N. Oakley Ave. 773-489-5471.

### HAWKEYE'S

Half-price pizzas after 3 p.m., \$12 Bud and Bud Light buckets; 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951

### **HIGH DIVE**

\$1 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.50 Bud Light drafts. \$4 Dewar's cocktails; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

### INNJOY

\$4 Banzai vodka cocktails and Newcastle drafts, \$2 PBR and Miller Lite drafts; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

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chics. Drink specials include \$3 domestic bottles and \$6 Coors Light pitchers; 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

### **JUN BAR**

\$2 PBRs, \$4 sangrias, \$5 martinis; 2050 W. Division St. 773-486-6700.

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and Bacardi mojitos, half-price appetizers, DJs spin; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

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Live jazz (7-10 p.m.); 1520 S. Wabash St. 312-447-0201.

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50 cents off select drafts; 1949 N. Hoyne Ave. 773-252-7636.

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2349). Other floating spirits include Lemon Lush (lemon sorbet and lemon drop martini), Chilly Chocolate (chocolate ice cream, chocolate liqueur and vanilla vodka), Cosmo Crush (cranberry sorbet and cosmopolitan) and Poolside Margarita (Grand Marnier sorbet, Jose Cuervo Platino tequila and Cointreau). Available through Labor Day. [ KAREN BUDELL, METROMIX NIGHTLIFE PRODUCER ]

>> For more boozy ice cream concoctions, search for "Cone I buy you a drink?" at metromix.com





### **Pride Parade**

When: Sunday

Where: Halsted Street and Belmont Avenue in Boystown

Entry: Free

**Get there:** No. 77 Belmont bus; Belmont Red Line "L" stop **The basics:** Trust us: This ain't your grandma's parade. The

39th annual celebration of gay rights is a blur of rainbow flags,
colorful costumes and even more colorful characters. Animat-

ed crowds line the streets and watch from rooftops and windows along the route, which runs north on Halsted Street from Belmont Avenue to Broadway, south to Diversey Parkway and east to Cannon Drive.

**Don't miss:** Afterparties in Andersonville (Back Lot Bash) and Lakeview (Girl Blast). Get all the details at **metromix.com**.

### **MORE FESTIVALS**

- >> 28th Annual Taste of Chicago. The mother of all food fests kicks off Friday in Grant Park and continues for IO finger-lickin' days. More coverage: Plan your Taste attack (page 29) and find out more about this year's must-see music (metromix. com). Free admission; \$8 buys I2 food-and-drink tickets.
- >> Chicago Pride Fest. Gear up for Sunday's parade on Saturday with DJs and live music from disco legend Martha Wash (The Weather Girls), '80s tween star Tiffany and others at Halsted Street and Waveland Avenue.
- >> Cans Music Fest. Icons of the '90s music scene headline this fest just outside of Cans

Bar and Canteen in Bucktown. Rock out to Vanilla Ice (Friday) and C&C Music Factory (Saturday).

- >> BAM! Belmont Arts and Music Fest. See The Redwalls, Waco Brothers and Dot Dot Dot (Saturday) and the Smoking Popes, American Music Club and Justin Townes Earle (Sunday), among others, on two stages at this Roscoe Village blowout.
- >> Peace Fest. Hail to flower power Friday through Sunday in Lincoln Park with more than 20 bands, including Ferdinand Fox and Genral Patton and His Privates. Also: drum circles, activist booths and health food vendors.

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\$2.50 Heineken, Heineken Light and Beck's bottles; 2345 N. Leavitt St. 773-394-3037.

### MOONSHINE

8 p.m.: Mamby. Mazi and John Simmons spin; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

### **MORETTI'S**

\$2.75 domestic bottles, \$4 house cosmos, \$6 Miller Lite and MGD "big ass cans," \$5.99 spaghetti and meatballs until 3 p.m.; 1645 W. Jackson Blvd. 312-850-0208.

### PEOPLE LOUNGE

\$3 sangria glasses and Miller Light bottles, \$5 Absolut cocktails, DJ 14K and guests spin (9 p.m.), \$3 tapas (5:30-7 p.m.); 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

### PIECE

\$4 well drinks; 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422.

PLAN B
Chris Grant of Trip-

pin' Billies hosts open mic (9 p.m.); 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

## PONTIAC CAFE & BAR

\$3 burgers (3-II p.m.); I53I N. Damen Ave. 773-252-7767.

### **RELAX LOUNGE**

\$2 Miler Lite bottles, \$5 Effen and Jack Daniel's cocktails, \$5 Red Bull bombs, \$5 burgers with fries; 1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6006.

### SILVER CLOUD

\$2 off Ketel One cocktails; I700 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-6212.

### SNUGGERY

\$7.50 domestic pitchers, \$3 Miller High Life and PBR bottles, \$5 house martinis; 225 S. Canal St. 312-441-9334.

### SONOTHEQUE

9 p.m.: Rebirth of the Cool. DJ Joe Bryl spins. \$5. Free with R.S.V.P.: info@sono theque.net; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

### SUBTERRANEAN

\$5 burgers with fries, DJs Sean Alvarez and Christian Armand spin, \$3 domestic beers, \$5 Effen cocktails. \$5 cover after IO p.m.; 20II W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

### TANTRUM

\$3 glasses of wine; 1023 S. State St. 312-939-9160.

### **UNION PARK**

\$I well drinks and domestic drafts; 228 S. Racine Ave. 3I2-243-9002.

### VAUGHAN'S PUB NORTHWEST

\$3 Blue Moon pints, \$14 domestic buckets, \$1.50 mini-cheeseburgers, \$6.95 beef stew or fried chicken dinner; 5485 N. Northwest Highway.

### 773-631-9206.

### VILLAINS

Michelle L'Amour's burlesque show at IO p.m.; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

### VINTAGE WINE BAR

\$25 three-course dinner with optional \$5 glass of wine, live jazz, \$5 sangria glasses; 1942 W. Division St. 773-772-3400.

### THE WABASH TAP

\$14 Bud and Bud Light buckets, \$4.50 Reubens; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

### ZELLA

9 p.m. Wed.: "Shear Genius" viewing party. Watch local stylist Meredith Spiros compete in this Bravo reality show. Includes giveaways and giftbags for the first 25 guests. No cover; 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-296-0616.

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# Taste for every taste

Whether you're a veg head, a meat lover or a die-hard Taste traditionalist, there's something for you at this year's fest

You never know with whom you're rubbing elbows when you're sweating it out in line at the Taste of Chicago. That 250-pound guy next to you? Hasn't eaten meat in a decade. The 9-year-old behind you? Ate four turkey legs in one sitting last year. It just goes to show there's something for everyone at the Taste. Before you start your gastronomical journey, find some spots to suit your taste.

Taste of Chicago

When: Friday-July 6, opens at II a.m. daily Where: Grant Park, 300 S. Columbus Drive Details, pics and more in our Taste guide at metromix.com



ASTE OF CHICAGO 2006
[SAM KOLICH FILE PHOTO FOR REDEYE]

### **THE CARNIVORE**

The Taste wouldn't be the same without giant turkey legs, so swing by South Side favorite **Helen's** (Booth 29) for a signature leg—perfect for those who like to really sink their teeth into a juicy chunk o' meat. If you're not full, squeeze in a pulled pork sandwich here

If you've been chanting "I want my baby back, baby back," since long before the line was a jingle, then hightail it to **Robinson's No. I Ribs** (Booth 22) for succulent baby back ribs, rib tips, boneless rib sandwiches and pulled turkey sandwiches. Now that's what we call a meat lover's supreme.

You've covered shredded meat and slabs of meat. What's next?
Encased meat! **Kasia's Deli** (Booth 53) serves up a mean grilled Polish sausage sandwich topped with sauteed onions.

### THE SWEET TOOTH

At Booth I5, you'll find the congenial Michael Canady serving up the same luscious gelato sold in his South Loop shop, Canady Le Chocolatier. Traditional flavors include pistachio and espresso-laced tiramisu, but we love the creamy, not-toosweet mascarpone. Canady tells us it's his favorite too.

Chicago Chocolate Company (Booth 6I) shuttered its chocolate-focused West Loop cafe last year to relocate to a Back of the Yards warehouse space—all the more reason to snatch up their pecan-and-caramel packed jumbo turtle candies here.

Aunt Diana's Candy Makers (Booth 17) is known for hawking classic chocolate-covered frozen bananas, but we've heard that sampling their ultra-rich chocolate fudge may leave you pondering impromptu road trips to stock up at their shop in suburban Riverside.

### THE VEGETARIAN

A vegetarian at Taste of Chicago might seem like the gastronomic equivalent of a eunuch attending an orgy, but it doesn't have to be. There are a few veg-friendly newcomers this year, but why not start with a classic? Our pick: veggie pizza from **Reggio's** (Booth 38).

Stop by one of this year's newbies, **Soul Vegetarian East**(Booth 2), for a sauce-slathered sparerib substitute made with seitan. The die-hard carnivores will be none the wiser as you stroll the grounds with sauce running down your chin with the rest of 'em.

Newcomer **Wow Bao** (Booth 43) doesn't need meat substitutes to keep up with the Taste crowds. The spicy peanut noodles are so good you won't even miss the meat.

## THE (HEALTHY) TASTE TRADITIONALIST

It won't sit like a rock in your stomach like a slice of deep-dish sausage pizza, and perhaps that's part of the point. Give the thin-crust, whole-wheat veggie pizza from **Comie's Pizza** (Booth 46) a try. Your heart (and gut) will thank you.

Forgo the Italian beef and sink your teeth into an Italian turkey-meatball sandwich. **Tuscany** (Booth 40), the Taylor Street mainstay with locations throughout the city, tries to lighten things up a bit with a (just slightly more) healthy alternative to the traditional Italian sandwich options.

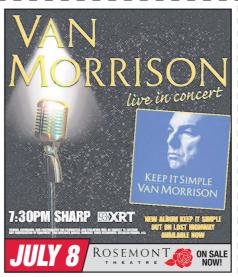
A Chicago-style hot dog is perfection you generally don't want to mess with.

But consider trading some of the fixings—
namely the pickle spear, celery salt, sport peppers, onion, tomato and relish—for a healthier all-natural Vienna Beef dog with mustard from Gold Coast Dogs (Booth 26).

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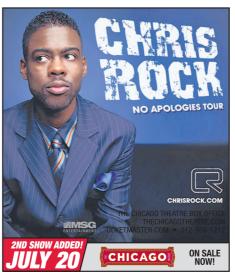






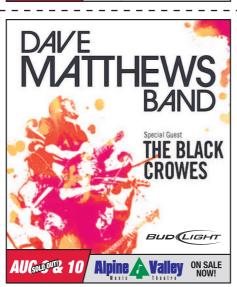


























## DEALS & EVENTS THROUGH TUESDAY

### 312 CHICAGO

5-10 p.m. Wed.: \$40 four-course locavore dinner. Chef Dean Zanella uses local ingredients in a four-course menu that changes weekly. Sip wine or cocktail pairings for an additional \$15; 136 N. La Salle St. 312-696-2420.

### ARIA

IO a.m. Wed.: Shop with the Chef. Visit Chicago Green City Market with Chef Brad Parsons, then return to the restaurant for a lunch prepared with ingredients selected on the trip. \$100. Reservations required; 200 N. Columbus Drive. 312-444-9494.

### **AVENUE M**

6 p.m. Fri.: Avenue M Two-Year Anniversary Party. The Kyle Asche Jazz Trio plays live in honor of the restaurant's second birthday. Includes appetizers and specialty cocktails. No cover. R.S.V.P. required; 695 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-243-1133.

### **BRASSERIE JO**

5 p.m. Mon.: Pamper Your Pups. Bring your dog when you dine on the patio and take advantage of training tips and demos. Make a donation to the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society and take home a "doggie bag" of homemade canine treats. No cover; 59 W. Hubbard St. 312-595-0800.

### **CAFE CIAO**

wine and cheese tasting. A multicourse, seasonal tasting menu features five international pairings. Also, get discounts of up to 25 percent on customized wine and cheese baskets. \$25;

6 p.m. Fri.: Summer



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Trendy River West spot Avenue M marks its two-year anniversary with cocktails and live jazz Friday. [CLAYTON HAUCK FILE PHOTO FOR METROMIX]

939 W. Madison St. 312-850-2426.

### LAKE SIDE CAFE

Noon Sun.: Vegetarian and Vegan Hands-On Cooking Class. Prepare and sample vegan sushi using organic ingredients with chef Dacia Lange. \$68\$75 per class; I4I8 W. Howard St. 773-262-9503.

### NOMI

5:30 p.m. Wed.-Tue.: Pre-Theater Dinner. Choose any appetizer, entree and dessert from the selection of a la carte dishes; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 3I2-239-4030.

### **PARK GRILL**

6 p.m. Wed.: Chefs on the Grill. Dine on grilled foods prepared by local chefs during this outdoor fundraiser. Includes beer, wine and specialty cocktails. \$55; II N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park. 312-521-7275.

### QUARTINO

7 p.m. Wed.: Monthly wine tasting. Sample Italian vino, pizzas and gourmet snacks. Includes a bottle of wine to take home. \$35; 626 N. State St. 312-698-5000.

## SAM'S WINES & SPIRITS

6 p.m. Mon.: A Taste of New on the Scene. Sample dishes from hot new restaurants as seen in our Metromix New on the Scene dining feature. Includes wine pairings. \$10; 50 E. Roosevelt Rd. 312-663-9463.

### SCOOZI!

5:30 p.m. Wed.-Tue.: Doggie Dining. Dine alfresco with your pooch. Canine menu items include biscuits, chicken risotto and more. All dogs must be leashed; 410 W. Huron St. 312-943-5900.

### **SUR LA TABLE**

6:30 p.m. Fri.:
Date Night in
Sicily class. A handson cooking session
with executive chef
Chris Tong of
gourmet dining service My Private Chef.
\$69; 52 E. Walton St.
312-337-8544.

### **TASTE FOOD & WINE**

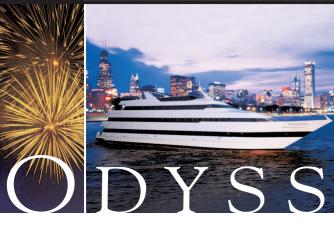
6 p.m. Fri., Mon.: Weekly wine tasting. Free samples from the store's extensive inventory; II a.m. Sun.: Cheesy Sundays. A free weekly sampling of a variety of cheeses; 1506 W. Jarvis Ave. 773-767-3663.

### TEXAS DE BRAZIL CHURRASCARIA

5:30 p.m. Thu.: Imerman Angels benefit. A benefit at the new Gold Coast restaurant includes appetizers and two cocktails. \$25; 5I E. Ohio St. 3I2-670-I006.

### VONG'S THAI KITCHEN

5 p.m. Thu.: Cooking class. Prepare and sample rice paper rolls, including sweet and spicy Peking duck rolls, crab rolls with tamarind dressing, and mango rolls. Includes a cocktail, recipe cards and rice paper to take home. \$49.95, includes tax and tip; 6 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-8664.





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# Rainbow connections

# Show your pride after the parade in Boystown and beyond

### By Jenni Spinner

Chicago hosts heaps of GLBTfocused festivities during Pride Weekend, but none can hold a rainbow-colored candle to Sunday's Pride Parade.

The jam-packed procession kicking off from Belmont Avenue and Halsted Street is practically the Super Bowl of gay Chicago. And after all the featherfestooned drag queens, motorcycle mamas and other prideful persons have passed by, the party keeps going.

At the end of the procession, paradegoers typically feel one of two urges: the need to hop into one of the many crowded establishments along the parade route for dancing, drink specials and plenty more shenanigans, or the need to get the heck out of Dodge. We've got party spots for both sets.

### **Minibar**

3341 N. HALSTED ST. 773-871-6227

The scene: This upscale joint is the place to go if you're looking for more than just dirt-cheap booze. The decor is gorgeous, the servers are friendly and adorable as all get out, the food's pretty tasty, and the cocktails are to die for—get yourself one of the strawberry-basil capirinhas, for starters.

The party: Minibar's got a lot going on, starting with a continental breakfast special (II a.m.-I p.m.) that includes allyou-can-drink champagne, mimosas and bellinis for \$20 (snatch tickets at the bar or at www.minibarchicago.com beforehand). Their Pride celebration is sponsored by P.I.N.K. vodka—when the sun goes down, order vodka drinks in light-up glasses. They'll be served by staff wearing



nothing but pride-colored underwear. DJs spin until 2 a.m.

The crowd: Largely testosteroney, but Minibar attracts folks from across the spectrum.

### Spin

800 W. BELMONT AVE. 773-327-7711

The scene: Because Spin is situated smack dab at the start of the route, the sidewalk in front is prime parade real estate. Spectators duck inside throughout the parade for bathroom breaks and to escape the madness, but it gets really crazy soon as the last float goes by.

The party: No drink specials or food,

but VJs in the front bar and DJs in the back are at your service.

The crowd: Mixed-but expect lots of Boystown tourists.

### The Closet

3325 N. BROADWAY. 773-477-8533

The scene: They don't call this place "the closet" for nothing—it's tiny. Most weekend nights it's fairly packed, but after the parade, it'll be asses to elbows.

The party: There's not much room to do anything but drink and watch the videos blasting on the TVs.

The crowd: Mixed, with a dedicated lesbian contingent.

3726 N. BROADWAY. 773-871-8887

The scene: Best known for its linedancing nights, this country-western spot gets significantly more disco after the parade. DJs start spinning immediately after the parade and keep grooving till 4 a.m. Liquid nitrogen pumped onto the dance floor keeps things cool in more ways than one.

The party: No food—we recommend nearby Horizon Cafe (3805 N. Broadway) if you're hungry—but lots of Miller Lite flows out of the taps.

The crowd: Guys. Charlie's is pretty boy-centric-servers even have been known to wear T-shirts emblazoned with a female symbol and a line through it.

### Roscoe's Tavern

3356 N. HALSTED ST. 773-281-3355

The scene: Thanks to its position at parade ground zero, this place will be beyond packed, but the friendly gayborhood vibe adds to the fun.

The party: Roscoe's employs a veritable army of DJs in the back dance area and VJs in the front bar. Cool off with tasty \$12 Long Island pitchers and feed off the cafe menu.

The crowd: Expect a melange of mostly boys with a few straight gal pals sprinkled in.

### Sidetrack

3349 N. HALSTED ST. 773-477-9189

The scene: Big—this perennial gay favorite has four bar areas to choose from, including a rooftop. Though the place is well populated, you'll still have room to stretch your legs.

The party: Sidetrack broadcasts the parade on myriad big-screen TVs, so you can sip one of their famous frozen Ketel Crush bevvies in air-conditioned comfort and close proximity to flushing toilets, and still catch the action on the street.

The crowd: Sidetrack attracts a potpourri of folks of all genders and persua-

[ JENNI SPINNER, UPTOWN GRRRL, IS A METROMIX SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. LOOK FOR HER COLUMN EVERY OTHER FRIDAY IN REDEYE. ] METROMIX@TRIBUNE.COM

## **Color outside the lines**

If you're ready to flee the crowds after the parade grinds to a halt, head to one of these off-the-beaten-path spots.

**Spyner's Pub** 4623 N. WESTERN AVE. 773-784-8719

This cozy Lincoln Square spot, which attracts a largely lesbian crowd, is best known for karaoke, and Sunday's festivities keep up that tradition. There's also a barbecue, and singer Ronnie Nyles takes the stage at 6 p.m., fresh off a Saturday set at Backlot Bash in Andersonville (see metro mix.com for details). \$10 cover.



### Crew Bar + Grill

4804 N. BROADWAY. 773-784-2739 Though significantly more attractive and fabulous than your average jock bar, Crew is a sports bar through and through—so if your idea of postparade revelry includes cheering for your team in the last game of the Crosstown Classic (7:05 p.m. Sunday), this is your spot. The bar opens at 3 p.m., serving a full menu plus

drink specials. The most special of the lot: \$12 pitchers of Crew's famous beergaritas. [J.S.]



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# Crying it out No matter how sunny Maria Taylor sounds, her tunes still make Mom cry

Though most people associate Maria Taylor with Omaha and its close-knit music scene, she's actually a bit of a nomad.

"Usually after about five years, I get the itch to try out a new city," says the 32-year-old singersongwriter, who recently moved to L.A. She also has lived in Athens, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., where she grew up.

Despite her restless lifestyle, Taylor's music and lyrics stay close to home. Her new EP, "Savannah Drive," even features a track called "Birmingham 1982," on which Taylor reminisces about family singalongs and reading under the covers with a flashlight. Maybe it's this tinge of nostalgia that suffuses so much of Taylor's music with melancholy—or maybe, as Taylor says, it's just her voice, which recalls other hushed, languid singers such as Mazzy Star's Hope Sandoval and Cowboy Junkies' Margo Timmins.

We caught up with Taylor between gigs to talk about her mad drumming skills, her latest move and to try to find out why even her light-hearted material still makes her mom shed a tear.

### You're a pretty badass drummer. Are you getting behind the kit on this tour?

Yeah. Actually, I'm gonna play drums for Johnathan Rice [the opening act]. [Laughs] I'm gonna

be so tired by the end of this tour.

### How'd the first show of the tour go?

It was good. We were a little disorganized. We decided at the last minute that we were gonna do half of the set acoustic and half electric. So it was a lot of just figuring things out for the first daylots of time between songs. [Laughs]

### One of my favorite songs on the EP is "Birmingham 1982," which evokes some memories from your childhood. Do you get a lot of inspiration from things that happened when you were growing up?

I guess so. I draw from everything, from what happened yesterday or what I dream might happen tomorrow. But I do oftentimes just sit and reminisce about my childhood. I think I had a pretty great one. I still get freaked out sometimes when I wake up and I'm like, "Oh, my God, I'm gonna have to do this alone. I can't go back and live with my mom and dad." I kind of wish that I'm just doing this for awhile and then you can go back to your little bedroom in the house. You all watch "The Cosby Show" at 7 p.m. ...

### "The Cosby Show" was family TV time when I was

Totally! We had "Alf" and we had "The Cosby Show."

### You've moved around quite a bit. Any particular reason for this latest move to L.A.?

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I just woke up one day and felt like I needed a big-time change. So I packed up all my things and I drove out to Los Angeles.

### How's that working out for you so far?

I absolutely love it. I needed a break from the cold weather. And just the extremes—Nebraska is extremely hot in the summer and then ridiculously cold in the winter. And I hate being cold.

### You've described your forthcoming album as having a "less somber" tone. Is all that California sunshine having an effect on you?

Well, you know, I think that—but then my mom listens to my new songs and she's like, "I can't listen to them; they make me want to cry." So to me they seem way less somber and more hopeful, but maybe other people won't get that.

### To me your music is more wistful or bittersweet than really dark.

I think my voice just must sound kind of sad when I sing. If I sing something really happy or funny, even, it just sounds sort of sad.

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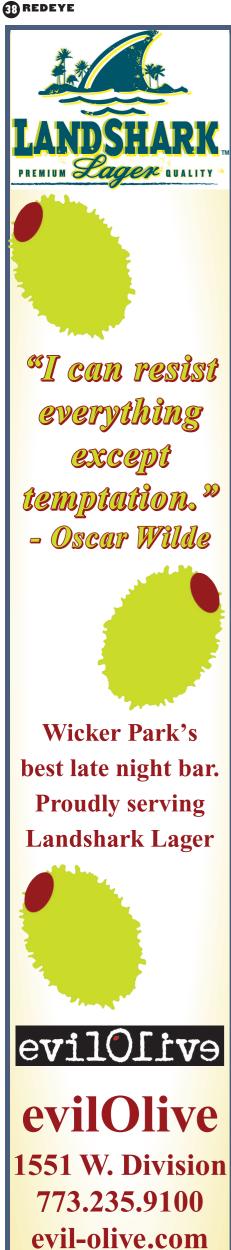


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#### **Alice Cooper,** Friday, Aug. 29 (\$43,

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Richie Hawtin,

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#### Sigur Ros,

Wednesday, Sept. 24 (\$39.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

#### **Silver Jews,** Friday, Oct. 10 (\$20,

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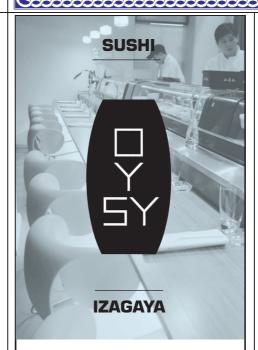
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# Exotic tastes

#### Owners embrace their unusual animals

By Samantha Nelson

FOR REDEYE

Christa Oody owns two dogs—and that's where any similarities between her and other Chicago-area pet keepers end.

Oody of Norwood Park also has two chinchillas—rabbit-sized rodents—and a sugar glider, which is a gliding marsupial originally from Australia and New Guinea.

"They would probably play with my dogs," Oody says of her other pets. "But my dogs like to chase them."

Oody is not alone in her love of odd animals. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, more than 13.4 million reptiles and more than 24.3 million small animals other than cats and dogs are kept as pets in U.S. households. That's up from 11 million reptiles and 18.2 million small animals in 2005.

Not everyone is happy about the trend, however, with some organizations going so far as to lobby against the sale of nondomesticated animals.

"Any wild animal really belongs in the wild," said Beth Preiss, director of the exotic animals campaign for the U.S. Humane Society. "There are so many dogs and cats in need of homes that if people want an animal we recommend that they go to local shelters [to] get something that's domesticated."

According to Barbara Wagner, director of the animal department at Animal Kingdom in Logan Square, exotic pets have become more popular.

"We have a very high demand for them, especially [from] college-age kids," she said. "They're small pets, they're low maintenance and people like to keep them in their dormitories."

Wagner said her store keeps a small number of exotic animals on hand and

# Lions and tigers and bears? No way

If you're considering an exotic pet, here are a few rules you should know about.

#### **CAN'T HAVE**

- >> The Illinois Dangerous Animals Act prohibits non-licensed buyers from taking home a lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, lynx, bobcat, jaguarundi, bear, hyena, wolf or coyote or any poisonous or life-threatening reptile.
- >> Due to the risk of monkey pox, a nationwide ban was placed on the sale of prairie dogs, Gambian rats, dormice, rope squirrels, tree squirrels, brushtailed porcupines and striped mice.
- >> Monkeys and other primates cannot be imported as pets.
- >> Importation of civets is banned because they may carry SARS.

#### **CAN HAVE**

African pygmy hedgehogs, sugar gliders, chinchillas, South American short-tailed opossums, green iguanas and degus are legal to buy and can be found in Chicago-area pet stores. [ s.n. ]

that the animals usually are sold after one or two weeks. Within the last month, she said, the store has sold about a dozen animals ranging in price from \$175 for a hedgehog to more than \$300 for a sugar glider and an appropriately tall cage to give the animal room to climb.

Buyers have the cash, but some aren't prepared for the commitment.

Preiss said the Humane Society lobbies





for laws to ban the sale of non-domesticated animals. While the Society does not track numbers, Preiss said sanctuaries constantly receive calls from owners looking for homes for exotic pets. With limited space in shelters, animals wind up passed from owner to owner or even euthanized.

Each exotic animal has complex needs, experts say, and impulsive buyers trying to care for one without knowing all the facts can leave veterinarians and rescue organizations to deal with the fallout.

Dr. Byron De La Navarre, owner and head veterinarian at Animal House of Chicago in Lincoln Square, said exotic pet owners should make it a priority to have a professional see their animals. The owners also need to learn proper care techniques to ensure the animals stay healthy, he said.

"Luckily some people we see right away," he said. "But others go into the pet store; they see the cute bird, reptile or small animal and say, 'Let's get it.' "

These new owners didn't research their pets properly, De La Navarre said, and "weeks later the animal is ill because of some deficiency."

Steven Wagner, store manager of Thee Fish Bowl in Evanston, has dealt with few returns, in part because he requires prospective buyers to spend more than an hour learning about their pet of choice before purchasing it.

"We try to make sure that the people who are purchasing our animals are extremely serious about keeping the animal for its life," he said. "If it seems like it's not the right fit we'll suggest something a little easier to care for, like a hamster."

Thee Fish Bowl has been offering more unusual pets in hopes of sparking more interest in pets during the economic downturn, Wagner said. The store's options include chinchillas, sugar gliders, pygmy hedgehogs and South American short-tailed opossums.

Debbie Dillon of Jefferson Park was even more serious about ensuring that the sugar gliders she used to breed wound up in caring homes. The 50-year-old, who no longer breeds the animals, said she made prospective buyers visit the animals weekly and turned them away if she thought they weren't committed enough. She now runs programs at schools and fairs teaching people about animals and how to care for them.

"I always want to get people not to impulse-buy exotics," she said. "I saw more sick gliders than I care to remember. A lot of them didn't make it. They just weren't getting the diet they needed."

Oody adopted her sugar glider, Sonic, from a family who couldn't spend enough time with it. She adopted her chinchillas — Smoke and Ashes — from a rescue group.

She's happy to spend time with them, which sometimes means carrying Sonic around in her pocket. The chinchillas, on the other hand, would rather run around.

"They're active and inquisitive and playful," Oody said. [SAMANTHA NELSON IS A REDEVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]

# Snuggly—or ugly

Don't know much about exotic pets available in Illinois? We asked our experts about the unusual critters you can take home. [s.n.]



#### Sugar glider

- >> Marsupials native to Australia and New Guinea, they grow to about 5 inches.
- >> They are nocturnal and like to live in colonies of six to IO in the wild.



# African pygmy hedgehog

- >> Hedgehogs are covered in spikes and may curl up in a ball or hiss if threatened.
- >> They are nocturnal, spending nights climbing and hunting insects. By day they sleep in a half ball or completely flat.



#### **Bearded dragon**

>> Native to Australia, the two-foot long lizards have small spikes on their face and back to deter predators.



#### **Chinchilla**

- >> Native to the Andes Mountains in South America, the rodents have soft fur that has made them endangered.
- >> They bathe using dust to clean oil out of their pelts instead of washing in water.



#### **Veiled chameleon**

- >> Change colors depending on mood and age, not surroundings.
- >> From Madagascar, they spend almost their entire lives in trees in the wild.



#### **Dwarf leaf chameleon**

>> Grow to a maximum of two inches and mostly stay leaf-colored.



#### Sahara sand boa

- >> The African desert snakes grow to about 2.5 feet long.
- >> They spend their time under sand, waiting to catch and eat rodents.



### **South American short-tailed opossum**

>> Grow to about 5 inches and like being in pairs.
[SOURCES: DR. BYRON DE LA NAVARRE, CHICAGO ANIMAL HOUSE; STEVEN WAGNER, ELENA MOSS, THEE FISH BOWL IN EVANSTON]

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"Sex and the City" is not just inspiring fashion—it's inspiring home decor too, from paint colors to furnishings and floor coverings. [ MCT FILE PHOTOS ]

# 'Sex' spurs decor buzz

#### South Florida Sun-Sentinel

The shoes. Miranda's bathing suit. Carrie's lingerie. Sure, the fashion in "Sex and the City: The Movie" is cool.

But how about the decor? Here's the buzz from some of the in-the-know Web sites and Traditional Home magazine about the room fashion in the film.

Everyone is talking about the blue walls in Carrie's redecorated Upper East Side apartment. They're asking: "How can we get that color?"

The bright blue is certainly a change from Carrie's old digs that were stuck in neutral. Production designer Jeremy Conway told casasugar.com he custom mixes all the paint colors, but he said Benjamin Moore's Electric Blue (No. 2061-40, \$45 a gallon) is as close as it comes to his mix.

There's a patterned rug in the movie, which is Overleaf's Marni, a 100 percent Tibetan wool rug. Conway found it at The Rug Company in New York City.

For more from Conway, see casasugar.com/1675967. The fan blog posts make this site even more of a must-read.

Another Web site that has a ton of photos and suggestions on where to find similar furnishings is elementstyle.blogspot.

Die-hard fans also will want to pick up the June-July issue of Traditional Home magazine, which features a four-page article and eight photos on the set design by Conway and set decorator Lydia Marks ("The Devil Wears Prada").

Here are a couple teasers from the article:



The rug in Carrie Bradshaw's redecorated digs, Overleaf's Marni, is a sought-after piece from The Rug Company in New York City.



The bright blue paint on the walls in the apartment can be replicated with Benjamin Moore's Electric Blue, which costs \$45 a gallon.

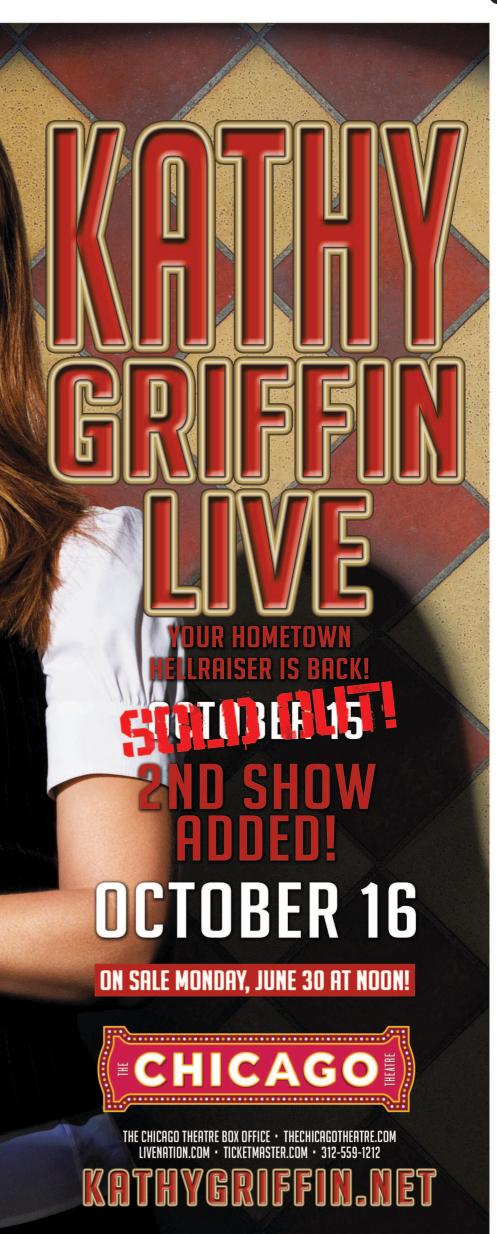
>> Dorothy Draper, the style icon who reigned as the grand dame of design from 1925-1960, was the inspiration for the Vogue office, where Carrie works with editor in chief Enid Frick (Candice Bergen). Draper fans will recognize the iconic black-lacquered chests with gold accents.

>> Charlotte's elegant Park Avenue apartment is still clean and neutral. Her adopted daughter Lily's bedroom features a toile bed and toys and furniture from Vitra (see vitra.com.)

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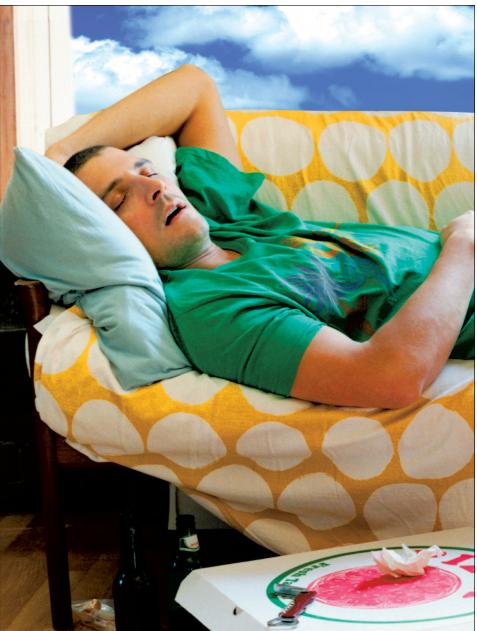
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# Groundlings surface in viral video form

#### **Los Angeles Times**

When members of the Groundlings improv troupe headed to the alleyway behind their Hollywood theater to shoot "David Blaine Street Magic," they had no idea the spoof would end up as one of the most popular videos in YouTube history.

The sendup starts with Blaine-actually, it's Groundling Mitch Silpa-playing mind tricks with two supposed passersby and soon ratchets up the level of "magic" to outrageous proportions.

The video's endurance helped persuade Sony Pictures Television that L.A.'s improvisational comedy troupe has the potential to strike online gold.

User-generated video is here to stay, said Sean Carey, senior executive vice president of Sony Pictures Television. But ferreting out the good is proving more difficult in the often random online world. When the public gets tired of watching homemade videos of "people falling off roofs and dogs on a skateboard ... we want to be in the position of producing quality content on this platform," Carey said. "Who better to do that than people who have been doing sketch



comedy and had a track record doing it?"

Under a deal made public in April, the Groundlings will deliver 50 so-called Webisodes; the first will debut later this year on **crackle.com** and other Sony platforms.

For the Groundlings, the deal is an opportunity to get their work in front of a bigger audience than ever before.

"In the theater, we have 99 people watching us. Online, we can have a million," said improv actor Jeremy Rowley, who has been with the troupe for nearly a decade.

Translating the Groundlings' particular brand of humor-and its emphasis on

#### 'DAVID BLAINE STREET MAGIC'

The video short co-written by Groundlings Michael Naughton and Mikey Day, who also co-star, ranks in the Top 100 of the most-viewed videos on You-Tube. It has logged more than 18 million plays, an average five-star rating from viewers and more than 37,000 comments that by and large go something like this:

- >> "Best video I've seen on YouTube."
- >> "ooooomg i'm dying over here. that was hilarious. thank you so much. Hahahaha."
- >> "Oh, please do more! ... you gotta do some more.'

View the video at youtube.com/ watch?v=AYxu\_MQSTTY

character development-from the stage to the computer screen has created a learning curve for the roughly 30-member troupe.

"Stuff that works onstage, in my opinion, has a pretty slim chance of working online," Rowley said. "It's not like 'Aim the video camera at the stage' and you're done."

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- Iron Man (PG-13) ◆ 2:10.5:10.8:00.10:50

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■ Get Smart(PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:10,3:30,4:10,6:15,7:10,9:15,10:00

- The Happening(R) ★ 12:45,2:00,3:00,4:30,5:20,7:00,7:50,9:30,10:20
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- Iron Man (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:10
- Forget Sarah (R) 1:50,5:00,7:40,10:15

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- The Love Guru (PG-13) 1:40.4:10.6:50.9:20
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- Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1:00,1:50,2:20,3:45,4:15,4:45,6:15, 6:50,7:40,8:50,10:00
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- Iron Man (PG-13) 9:15

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Alicea (left) and her boyfriend, Cory, must take care of baby Carson in NBC's new reality series "The Baby Borrowers." [ NBC PHOTO ]

# Want a baby? This show might change your mind

When NBC first announced that it was going to dump infants into the laps of teens for the reality survival series "The Baby Borrowers," I was among the many who cringed.

More than a few tykes have called me "Uncle Curt" over the years. And I've always appreciated the fact that I could hand them over to their parents when they exploded into tears.

The five couples—all 18 or older—who move into separate homes on a Boise, Idaho, cul-de-sac don't have that luxury. Over three weeks, they take care of babies for a few days, then toddlers, then 'tweens and their pets, then teens and, finally, senior citizens.

I felt worn out just watching the show, which premieres at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The teens, many who just know they will be good parents and want to start their families now, get a rude awakening.

They buy groceries, go to work, change diapers and feed the babies — all while the real parents watch on closed-circuit TV

from down the street. The parents are allowed to intervene only when they feel the babies might suffer, like when impatient teen Alicea tells her assigned baby, Carson, "OK then, starve," because the teething tot is too upset to eat.

By Curt Wagner CWWAGNER@TRIBUNE.COM

Mama doesn't like that and schools Alicea in the fact that parenting isn't about her needs. Alicea then refuses to deal with Carson, leaving her boyfriend Cory to take care of the kid.

"I have two babies now," he told the camera. "A big one and a little one."

Alicea's not the only girl to give up. At one point or another in the first two episodes, all but one girl throws a hissy fit, leaving the guy to play daddy. And they all do it.

If ever there was an antidote to teen pregnancy, "The Baby Borrowers" is it.

# Carlin tributes begin on NBC, HBO

HBO and "Saturday Night Live" will pay tribute to comic George Carlin this week. Carlin, probably best known for his "seven words you can't say on television" bit, died of heart failure Sunday at the age of 71.

On Saturday, NBC and "SNL" will honor the comic at 10:30 p.m. by re-airing the 1975 premiere episode that Car-

HBO will air Carlin's most recent special, "It's Bad for Ya," at 8 p.m. Fri-

HBO2 will air 11 of the 14 HBO specials he did beginning Wednesday.

#### Wednesday

- >> 7 p.m. "George Carlin at USC" (1977)
- >> 8:30 p.m. "George Carlin Again!" (1978)
- >> 10 p.m. "Carlin at Carnegie" (1983)
- >> II p.m. "Carlin on Campus" (1984)
- >> Midnight "Playin' with Your Head" (1986) Thursday
- >> 7 p.m. "What Am I Doing in New Jersey?" (1988)
- >> 8 p.m. "Doin' It Again" (1990)
- >> 9 p.m. "Jammin' in New York" (1992)
- >> 10 p.m. "Back in Town" (1996)
- >> II:05 p.m. "You Are All Diseased" (1999)
- >> Midnight "It's Bad for Ya" (2008)



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A preproposal conference will be held on July 9, 2008, at 10:00 a. m., Central time, at the DuPage County Complex, J.T.K. Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd, Room 3-500B, Wheaton, Illinois. County of DuPage on behalf of itself, the County of San Diego, the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance and other unnamed public entities is issuing Request for Proposal #P08-02 Master Contract Agreement for Multifunctional Digital Copiers, Supplies and Related Support Services. The proposals must be received and time stamped in the Procurement Services Division, 421 North County Farm Road, Room 3-400, Wheaton, IL 60187, no later than 2:30 p.m. Central time on the public bid opening date of 7/21/2008. A copy of the Request For Proposal may be obtained from the internet via Demandstar.com or from the Procurement Services Division office. Please contact the Bid Coordinator at 630/407-6190 for any questions. A preproposal conference

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Bid 09-043 Southwest Wastewater Pump Station Improvements

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Bids will be received at the City of Naperville, Procurement Services Team Office, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540 until 2:30 p.m., local time, on July 18, 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room A of the Municipal Center at the above listed address.

Those desiring to bid may obtain copies of the contract documents in the Procurement Services Team Office, City of Naperville, at the above address, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for a fee of \$25.00 non-refundable for the plan sets.

Bid security in the form of a certified check or cashier's check payable to the City of Naperville, or a satisfactory bid bond, in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Work under this contract is to be governed by the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Check the City's web site (http://www.naperville.il.us) for this bid and others.



A surfer once sued another surfer for "stealing his wave." The case was thrown out because the court was unable to put a price on "pain and suf-fering" endured by the surfer watching someone else ride "his" wave.

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# NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Purchasing Agent or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

CONTRACT 08-015-12 FURNISH AND DELIVER OFFICE SUPPLIES MANUFACTURED FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A (1) YEAR PERIOD (RE-BID)

Estimated Cost: \$50,000.00 **Bid Opening: July 15, 2008** 

Bid Deposit: \$2,500.00

CONTRACT 08-422-11 FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL AN EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM AT THE MAIN OFFICE BUILDING

Estimated Cost: \$95,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$4,800.00 Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk-Through: Tuesday, July 8, 2008

2:00 pm Chicago Time MOB Board Room 100 E Erie Chicago, Illinois

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, July 8, 2008 3:00 pm Chicago Time MOB

Board Room 100 E Erie Chicago, Illinois

Bid Opening: July 22, 2008

with the Multi-Project Labor Agreement is

## CONTRACT 08-879-11 DOOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS IN THE CALUMET SERVICE AREA

Estimated Cost: \$34,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$1,700.00

Bid Opening: July 15, 2008
Compliance with the Multi-Project Labor Agreement is required on this contract.

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice \_ Invitation to Bid. For a full version which includes a brief description of the project, visit our website

Specifications, proposal forms and plans may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a **fax request** (#312/ 751 3042). No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above. The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the District and shall conform to the terms and conditions of the Bidding proposers to the proposers of the pro Requirements attached thereto. Bidders are to include with their proposal signed copies of any addenda, or acknowledge receipt of any addenda, if the District issued any addenda to this contract. Failure to do so may be cause for the rejection of

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash (U.S. currency only), cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, as stated in the Bidding Requirements and Instructions to Bidders contained in the contract document. The bid bond must be underwritten by a surety licensed to do business in the State of surety licensed to do business in the State Illinois, listed in the latest copy of the Federal Register and approved by the Purchasing Agent.

If after receipt of the Contract Documents there are any questions regarding procedural details, please contact the Purchasing Department at (312) 751-6643.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/112), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best

> Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

> > By Darlene A. LoCascio Purchasing Agent

Chicago, Illinois June 25, 2008



Check out beauty schools and other listing in this section.



# Weddings shouldn't cause headaches

father married my stepmother in 1990. I was an extremely cranky 9-year-old hellbent on being as ornery as possible during the ceremony.

I didn't want to take pictures, I didn't want to stand up straight, and I wanted nothing to do with my tuxedo.

It was nothing personal, just the start of an attitude that's still with me almost 18 years later: a general distaste for weddings.

So imagine my sense of dread when I found out last year that I was to stand up in two weddings for childhood friends of mine. The weddings were a week apart last month, so it should come as no surprise that I'm all wedded out.

Being as it was the first time in my adult life I've been in a wedding—and also that I'm close to the "settle down" age — I walked away with a renewed perspective.

That is, a reminder of my wariness over having a ceremony of my own.

First, a disclaimer: I enjoyed myself at both ceremonies, especially the one in New Orleans. Any wedding in which you can walk the streets drinking a Hurricane is money in my book.

But if I were ever to get married, I can't



see myself having a big, elaborate hoopla.

A wedding is a happy event and should not be headache-inducing. I've met more than one bride-to-be on the cusp of developing an ulcer over wedding planning.

Also, shoveling out copious amounts of money for weddings should only be reserved for the ultra-rich. I don't think anyone should ever go into any significant debt for a wedding, period.

Think about it: Folks fly in from all over to sit uncomfortably in a church for an hour or so, eat and drink on your dime, and drag their behinds home.

And what do you have to show for it? A five-figure bill, a filthy reception hall and a drunk uncle.

I won't reveal how much my friend Leland's traditional French Quarter wedding cost. I will say that if I had that money to burn, I'd use it as a down payment on a two-bedroom Lakeview condo and a fresh Ford Mustang Shelby in the garage.

And don't get me started on the engagement ring. Even women I've spoken to who agree with me about wedding costs still want that damn ring.

Sure, they want their little status symbol to let the world see - from the farther away the better-that they are taken, but why do I have to consider cutting off my cable for a few months to pay for it?

Unfortunately, I think for some women that the size of their rock is an indicator of the size of their fiance's love.

Ditching the ceremony and ring business might sound contradictory to my romantic nature, but I've never had conventional ideas of romanticism anyway.

I think if people would closely examine the hundreds of wedding invitations they send out, they'd probably find they could trim the people who don't care so much.

So I like the idea of deep-sixing a stodgy ceremony and celebrating my union with an intimate party consisting of music, food, libations and loved ones from both sides who truly care about us as a couple.

That would leave me fulfilled. And it certainly wouldn't lighten my wallet as much. [ SEX COLUMNIST DUSTIN J. SEIBERT IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. ]

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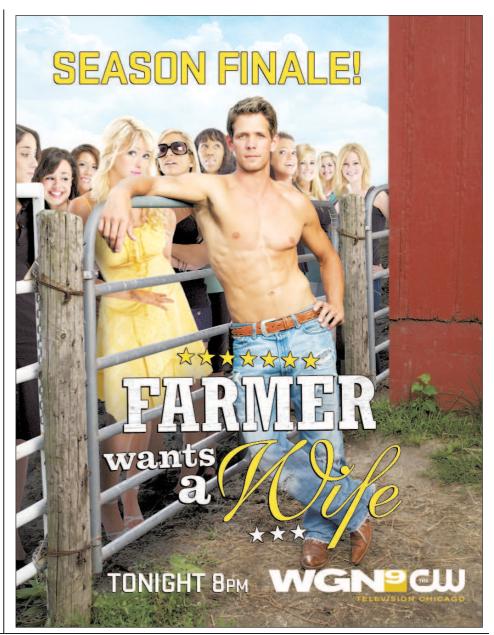
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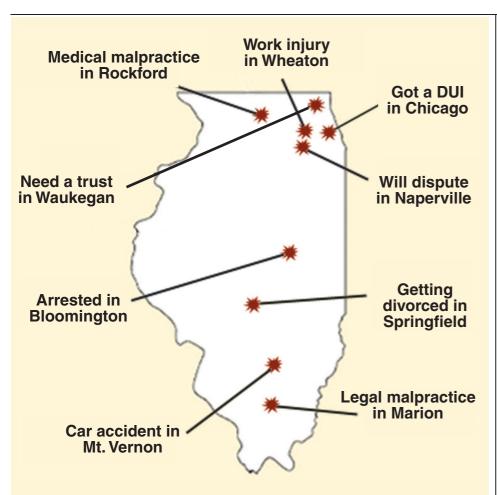
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# Cleanse accomplished

Oprah's cleanse diet is O-ver.

The talk show host complete her planned 21-day vegan cleanse, writing on her blog on **oprah.com** that she "will forever be a more cautious and conscious eater."

"What I know for sure is I've reached a new level of awareness about food, eating and the whole process of how it gets to my table," she wrote.

Which forbidden goody nearly tempted Winfrey into breaking her diet? Bordeaux, she wrote—"I want some wine. ... Just one glass at sunset, almost broke down and had a glass."

#### **Holding** court

Britney Spears and Kevin Federline appeared in court Tuesday for a closed-door hearing in their custody case. The hearing resulted in an unspecified change in visitation status. TMZ and **people.com** reported that Spears had been granted overnight visits with her sons, but that could not be confirmed Tuesday, the AP reported.

#### **Wedding bells**

He won the affection of millions of people on "American Idol," but this weekend, Ruben Studdard is giving his heart to one woman. A rep for the former "Idol"



STUDDARD

confirmed to the AP on Tuesday that Studdard plans a Saturday wedding to Surata Zuri McCants. The couple took out a marriage license on Monday, according to court records.



Wild kingdom
If you missed it, "I0,000 B.C."
came out on DVD. You won't find a
more vicious, saber-toothed pack of
mammals like that this side of "The
Real Housewives of New York City."

India, China and Brazil saw the fastest increase in the number of millionaires last year. Coincidentally, they also saw the fastest rise in the number of Hiltons and Kardashians.

Bright future
The trailer for Brad Pitt's "The
Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
offers a glimpse of daughter Shiloh's
acting debut. The early indication: Not
quite Dakota Fanning, but certainly
better than Adam Sandler.

Is it the hair?
Huh. Drew Carey's looking good,
but something seems different about
Jack Nicholson.



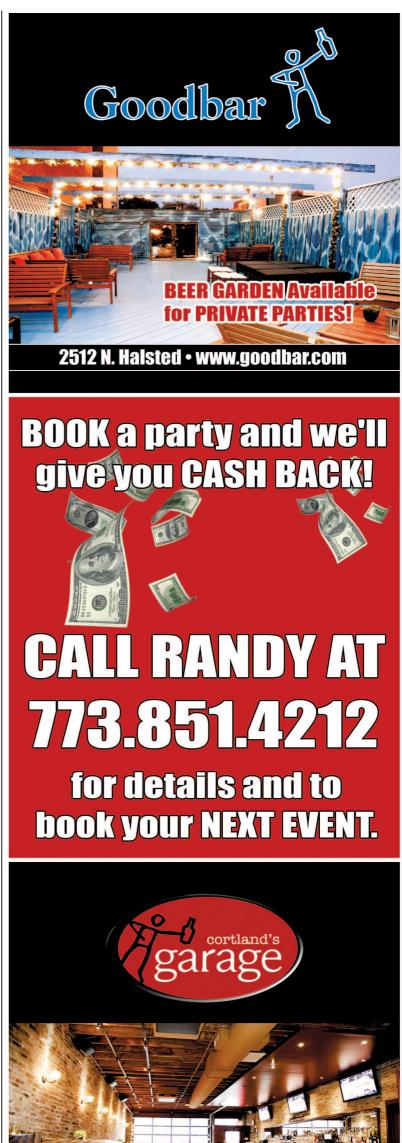
Alternatives rock
There really is something for
everyone on TV right now. For example,
if "American Gladiators" seems like
it's a little too advanced, there's ABC's
"Wipeout" ...

Don't try this at home
... and if you're looking for something comparable to ABC's "I Survived
A Japanese Game Show," try running
into a wall until you have no idea what's
happening around you.

True story
Time for another game of "Real
News Or Start Of an Off-Color Joke?":
"Jerry Springer and a Spice Girl are hosting this year's Miss Universe pageant ..."

With respect ...
A Bee Gees reunion? Really?
Could we not just get the Chipmunks to put out a cover album?

Justin Timberlake was in Paris to launch a new fragrance. Not sure why he went to Paris for something most of us wouldn't leave the couch for, but hey, I guess that's part of what makes the rich and famous such a mystery.



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# **Getting help**

Heather Locklear, whose high-profile marriage to Richie Sambora of Bon Jovi ended in 2007, is suffering from anxiety and depression and has checked into an Arizona medical facility, according to her publicist.

"Heather has been dealing with anxiety and depression," publicist Sarah Fuller said Tuesday in a statement. "She requested an in-depth evaluation of her medication and entered into a medical facility for proper diagnosis and treatment. This is a confidential medical matter and no further statement will be released.'

Locklear and Sambora have a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, according to The Associated Press.



#### ON THE TUBE

Which of these TV series has Heather Locklear NOT

starred in? Text "tv" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a message telling you if you got the answer right.

- (I) "Dynasty"
- (2) "Melrose Place"
- (3) "T.J. Hooker" (4) "Cheers"
- **(5)** "Spin City"

### **Birthdaylicious**



S. KNOWLES

Solange Knowles' birthday party was jumpin', jumpin', thanks to big sis Beyonce, who threw her a dance party, people.com reported. Guests included Ludacris, Ne-Yo, Mario and Destiny

Child's Michelle Williams.

DJ Samantha Ronson (Lindsay Lohan's pal) spun tracks including Prince's "Kiss" and Bob Marley's "Could You Be Loved." LiLo was spotted near the DJ booth but took off before most guests arrived at the Hollywood Hills bash, according to People.

The birthday girl requested that Ronson keep the playlist in the family. When Jay-Z's "Big Pimpin'" came on, Solange played a tambourine as Beyonce showed off her



### Hathaway's ex-boyfriend arrested

It sounds like there's more bad news for Italian businessman Raffaello Follieri in the wake of his reported split with "Get Smart" star Anne Hathaway.

Follieri was arrested Tuesday on charges he posed as the Vatican's U.S. representative to fleece wealthy investors in a real estate company that sought to buy and redevelop Roman Catholic church property.

Prosecutors in New York allege Follieri improperly spent up to \$6 million from investors, much of it on a lavish lifestyle. Hathaway isn't mentioned in the complaint, but the document makes reference to a flight Follieri chartered with his "then girlfriend." Hathaway's publicist, Stephen Huvane, has previously



stressed that she is not part of any probes.

Hathaway's reported split from Follieri came as she was promoting "Get Smart." During an appearance on the "The View" the normally perky actress admitted she was feeling "somber."



# Kathy Griffin's platonic love life

Kathy Griffin isn't one to kiss and

Well, actually, she is.

The "D-List" star tells usmagazine. com that she and her ex-boyfriend, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, never went all the way when they were

"We were dating, but were just friendly," Griffin tells Us Weekly. "The truth is," she says, "we really were friends the whole time."

Griffin announced her split from the billionaire in April. They started dating last year, according the magazine, and "Woz" pops up in the new season of Griffin's Bravo reality show.

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### Mary-Kate who?



She's been in the limelight for years, and now Mary-Kate Olsen is headed back into prime time. She'll have a guest role on the ABC sitcom "SamanthaWho?"

her rep tells usmagazine.com.

Us Weekly reports that Olsen will play a self-destructive bad girl who reminds Samantha (Christina Applegate) of her former self. Reportedly, Applegate's character will take on Olsen's character as a "fix-it" project.

Further details are scarce, but it sounds like Olsen's new gig will be a departure from her role last year on the Showtime pot dramedy "Weeds."

#### **HOT DATE** 7/13/2008

The date NBC will air the Miss Universe Pageant live from Vietnam. People.com says it will be co-hosted by the Spice Girls' Mel B and Jerry Springer.